

CONNIE PARLIAMENT (ON video screen), clinical program director of Neuroscience Services at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, and G. Garfield Jones of InTouch Health demonstrate how a "Remote Presence" robot is used to provide consultation services in stroke victim cases at Hills and Dales General Hospital Thursday.

Robo-doc

Network benefits local stroke victims

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

Hills and Dales General Hospital officials hosted a media day Thursday to introduce "Hilda" the robot.

Hilda is an integral tool in the Cass City hospital's new partnership with a group of other Michigan hospitals that are utilizing robotic technology to make specialized stroke care available to patients in rural and urban areas alike by providing access to stroke experts at distant medical centers.

But those in attendance made it clear that when it comes to stroke, no amount of technology can replace the decision to seek immediate medical attention when the signs of stroke appear.

"If you think you're having a stroke, do not wait," said G. Garfield Jones, a representative of InTouch Health, the Santa Barbara, Calif.-based company that designs the robots now in use at

Hills and Dales and other hospitals across the state.

Many stroke victims, Jones said, "just let it (symptoms) pass and they don't realize it's as serious as a heart attack. If you can get treatment quickly, you can completely recover."

Connie Parliament, clinical program director of Neuroscience Services at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, which launched the collaborative network of hospitals known as the Michigan Stroke Network, agreed.

Parliament, speaking to the group gathered at Hill and Dales from St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, utilizing Hilda, a "Remote Presence Robot", explained that tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) and other clot busting drugs are available for stroke treatment, but they must be administered within a 3-hour "window" after the onset of symptoms.

Unfortunately, Parliament said, only 3 to 8 percent of stroke patients are

receiving the drugs because they don't seek treatment quickly enough. "The onset time is so, so important," she added.

A stroke occurs when a blood vessel in the brain becomes blocked or bursts. The results can be as serious as brain damage or death. In the United States, stroke is the third leading cause of death and disables more adults than any other condition. It is estimated that 750,000 people will experience a new or repeat stroke this year. An estimated 200,000 people in Michigan alone currently live with the effects of a stroke.

Saving time when it comes to treating stroke is where the Michigan Stroke Network partnership comes in.

Through the use of Remote Presence robots at each member hospital, the network ensures that each hospital can offer every patient the most advanced stroke care available. Stroke victims in Cass City, for example, don't have to travel long distances — wasting precious moments — to receive immediate care at Hills and Dales. That care includes 24-hour-a-day access to some of the best neuroscience specialists in the country.

As a member hospital in the Michigan Stroke Network, Hills and Dales physicians, using their Remote Presence robot, can consult directly via the Internet with specialists at the Oakland County-based St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, which serves as headquarters for the Michigan Stroke Network and is considered one of the top 5 stroke centers in the country.

Using a keyboard and computer monitor, a specialist in Oakland County can maneuver the robot and utilize its video camera to literally examine a stroke patient in the emergency room at Hills and Dales, Jones explained. "It's always a live person — a certified stroke doctor — on the other end," he said. "They can zoom in on the patient's face, even as close as a patient's pupil...to do a neuroassessment."

And, Jones added, the robot can go anywhere the patient needs to go, anywhere the patient needs to go,

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Troopers quickly nab Caro Center resident

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Autopsy: driver took his own life

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

The Michigan State Police are continuing their investigation into what led a Tuscola County man to fire a shot at a trooper during a routine traffic stop and then take his own life just south of Caro last week.

Early reports indicated the man, Mathias Ringle, 23, of Caro, may have been upset over losing a job, and his family told authorities they had not seen him in a week.

"Was he despondent? We just don't know," said First Lt. Doug Lautner, commander of the Michigan State Police post in Caro. Lautner indicated the investigation is focusing on talking to family members and others in an effort to learn more about Ringle and the possible reasons or motives behind his actions.

The shooting occurred late Tuesday night (March 20), at about 11:45 p.m., when Trooper James Horn performed a routine traffic stop on the vehicle Ringle was driving on southbound M-24 near Bevins Road in Indianfields Township. After Horn exited his car, Ringle reportedly shot at him with a 16-gauge shotgun.

Horn was not seriously injured, but investigators said a slug nicked the handcuff case on his gun belt, knocking him to the ground. He fired a number of shots at the suspect's vehicle, but an autopsy last week determined none of those shots struck Ringle.

After shooting at Horn, Ringle fled, driving south on M-24 with Horn in pursuit. Reports stated the trooper again tried to stop Ringle, and a col-

lision occurred between the 2 vehicles, with Ringle's vehicle forced into a ditch on the east side of the road.

A Caro police officer arrived at the scene moments later to assist Horn, and the 2 officers discovered Ringle dead inside his vehicle.

Forensic Pathologist Dr. Kanu Virani, who conducted the autopsy 2 days later, determined that Ringle had died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Lautner said last week that Horn was placed on administrative leave in accordance with law enforcement policy involving such incidents. "He will be (on leave) at least until we can get preliminaries on the autopsy. Normally it's a few days at least," he noted.

Traffic stops involving shots being fired are rare in the Thumb. In fact,

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Cooperation key to UDA agreement

The Cass City Village Council reported Monday that significant progress is being made to form an Urban Development Area (UDA) agreement.

In an effort to save taxpayers money by working together, the intent of the UDA agreement is to create a joint planning committee between the townships and the village for the purpose of economic development.

Village President Bert Althaver added that the simple initiative behind the UDA is to get different branches of government involved. And that failure to work together could result in the slashing of revenues from the state.

"Governor Granholm has made it clear she wants correspondence between local governments. If we fail to

comply, I think about 10% of our revenue sharing could be in jeopardy. It behooves us to work together to reduce costs," Althaver said.

Also during the regular monthly meeting, the council approved the motion to enter into a contract with Phillips Engineering, Sandusky, to do contract work for the Village on an as-needed basis. The certified civil engineering firm will begin work immediately on the engineering, specifications and contract administration of 4 projects. Those projects include the soil stabilization of Ale and Bulen streets, the water line on the east end of the village, the 2007 sidewalk improvements in the area south of M-81 and east of Seeger Street, and the

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Board's review of Wilson favorable

It's been an interesting first year on the job for Cass City Schools Supt. Ron Wilson.

Wilson's tenure has included dealing with the aftermath of allegations of inappropriate conduct leveled but never proven against a popular band director, followed by a serious cash crunch that led to significant staff layoffs and program cuts.

Wilson's performance during his first year evidently has been more than satisfactory, judging by the Cass City Board of Education's "favorable" rating of the new superintendent. That was the board consensus after discussing his annual evaluation during a lengthy executive session, conducted during Monday night's regular monthly meeting.

Wilson was initially offered a 3-year contract and, following his evaluation, the board voted to rollover that contract for another year.

Monday's executive discussion also covered preliminary discussion in preparation for teacher contract negotiations, which are slated to begin this week.

The board also held expulsion hearings for 2 high school students related to chronic absences (skipping).

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CASS CITY'S ALL-School play, "Oz!" drew nice attendance over the weekend, including a standing-room-only crowd Sunday. Pictured above are actors (clockwise, from left) Danielle Delamarter, Drew Rohlfs, Brittany Nicol and Lindsey Montgomery.

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The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Heleski Thursday evening. After the meeting, cards were played and high prizes were given to Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Russell Bouchard. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sweeney April 19. The hostess served a lunch.

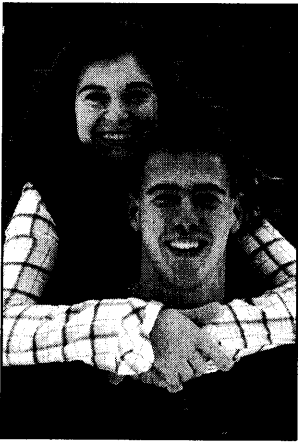
Mrs. Harold Ballagh and Mrs. Donald Seeger visited Gwen McLachlan and Thelma Jackson Sunday.

Bill Cleland came home Monday afternoon after four weeks in Hurley Hospital in Flint following a car accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the fish fry at the Fox Hunters Hall in Ubyly Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stirrett of Bad Axe visited Thelma Jackson.

Engaged



Nathan Haag and Mandy King

Nathan Haag of Cass City and Mandy King of Marlette announce their engagement.

Nathan is a 1999 graduate of Cass City High School and a 2004 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is the recreational director for the Village of Cass City. He is the son of Danny and Shirley Haag of Cass City.

Mandy is a 2000 graduate of North Branch Wesleyan and a 2005 graduate of Bethal College, Ind. She is a third grade teacher at Deckerville Community Schools. She is the daughter of Lehn and Marlene King of Marlette.

A March 31, 2007 wedding is planned.

Holy Week
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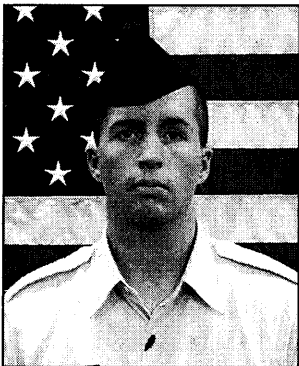
Holy Week services begin at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with Palm Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 1.

Maudy Thursday service is at 7 p.m., April 5. A potluck supper will be served at 6 p.m. that evening.

Two different services are slated for Good Friday, one at 1:30 p.m. and the other at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday sunrise service is at 7 a.m. followed by an Easter breakfast served by the youth of the congregation. A second worship service is set for 9:30 a.m. that morning.

Parker
completes
training



Cristan Parker

Air Force Airman Cristan J. Parker has 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 toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Parker is the grandson of Bruce Brown of Ubyly, and son of Joanne Parker of Biloxi, Miss.

He is a 2005 graduate of Ubyly High School.

Chapter to meet

The Kedron Chapter #33 of Caro will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 3, for its regular meeting at the Masonic Temple in Caro.

All members are urged to support your chapter by attending faithfully.

Calendar of Events

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

Friday, March 30

Christ-centered 12-step recovery: pain management, addictions, divorce, "Celebrate Recovery," 7-9 p.m. New Creations Church, 114 N. Almer St., Caro (across from Caro Post Office). For more information, call (989) 673-3274 or visit www.colwood.org.

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

Saturday, March 31

AYSO mandatory coaches meeting, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Owen-Gage gym.

Second Annual Cass City Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m. 0-5 year olds will hunt at the Playscape at Campbell Elementary, 6-8 year olds will hunt at the Cass City Park. Sponsored by the Cass City Fire Department Women's Auxiliary.

"Spring into Gardening" Conference, Ubyly Heights Country Club, Ubyly. For more information, call (989) 269-9949.

Yard and Garden Expo, Ubyly Heights Country Club, Ubyly. For more information, call (989) 269-9949.

Book Signing and Recipe Tasting Party, 1 to 4 p.m., Rawson Memorial Library.

Sunday, April 1

Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All you can eat. \$5 donation.

Monday, April 2

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

Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3

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

Heartland Hospice Grief Group meeting, 6:30 p.m., VFW Annex, Cass City. For more information, contact Laura Johannes at 1-877-486-6671.

Wednesday, April 4

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

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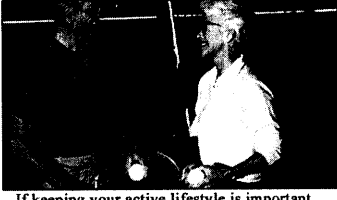
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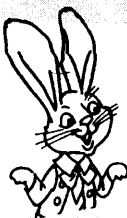
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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

A few years ago the moneymaking rage for Thumb civic groups was to hold "Millionaires" parties. Customers bought play money that also served as an entry ticket. Unlucky patrons could buy additional funds to continue to play. At the end of the gambling the money won was used to buy prizes at auction. Cass City Rotary staged a few and made money, but when the same type of parties sprung up in the area the profits declined, the club members wearied of it all and the games were abandoned. Today I know of none operating in the area.

In the place of parties using play money, some area groups are holding gambling parties using real money, at least in part. A Texas hold'em tournament, April 14, with cash prizes will be augmented by a cash fixed limit Texas Hold'em and black jack games. Games will be held at the K of C Hall in Sandusky.

Proceeds will go to the Deckerville Homecoming Committee.

It's hard for an upscale restaurant to survive in the Thumb if management has to depend on area residents to make it go. Noticeable exceptions are the restaurants that depend on the tourist trade along Saginaw Bay and either close or are open only sporadically in the winter.

Over the years I can remember 2 on M-25 east of Harbor Beach, one in Pigeon and others that started strong and then quickly abandoned really good menus to cut prices.


Add to this list Angelina Mia's in Bad Axe, that has been sold and is under new management. We tried to go the Bad Axe restaurant Sunday and after learning that it was sold we tripped over to Ubyly to see if the original restaurant was open.

Sunday it was not, although it is my understanding that it will be open in Ubyly where it originated.

Add Sue Werschky to the list of readers who have written about Melva Guinther's column. Says she enjoys Sudoku puzzles and missed Melva's humor.

We have always been justifiably proud of the track facilities available to Cass City High School. This year it almost seems like a waste to have it when the regular season schedule is considered.

There is only one regular season home meet slated this spring. It will be May 2 against Ubyly and Unionville Sebewaung.



March 31, 1 - 4 p.m.

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Owendale driver injured in crash

An Owendale man suffered minor injuries in a one-vehicle accident early Friday morning.

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies reported the driver, Scott L. Buehrly, 26, 3931 Canboro Rd., was driving eastbound on East Sanilac Road, just west of Huron View Road, when he fell asleep at the wheel. His vehicle entered a ditch on the north side of the road, traveled 150 yards, struck an embankment and then a tree, causing the vehicle to land on its roof.

Buehrly was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the 5:30 a.m. crash, deputies said.

Flint woman sentenced

A Flint woman will spend a year in jail for her role in the break-in of a Cass City residence last fall.

Lisa C. Owens, 36, was sentenced last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court for her pleas of guilty to second degree home invasion and larceny in a building Oct. 21. The crime involved a Main Street residence owned by Dan and Marlene Erla.

Owens also pleaded guilty to larceny in a building in connection with the theft of checks from the Erla residence Sept. 26, and she was also convicted of being an habitual offender (one prior felony conviction). Court records state her prior conviction was last January in Genesee County for attempting to obtain/possess/transfer personal identifying information with intent to commit identity fraud.

In addition to jail time in the Cass City case, Owens was ordered to serve 36 months probation and pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,820 plus restitution of \$4,364.

Owens was one of 3 defendants charged with breaking into the Erla residence. Anna M. Vandercook, 20, of Flint, pleaded no contest earlier this month to second degree home invasion and larceny in a building. The third defendant, Adrian R. Key Jr., 22, of Flint, pleaded guilty to home invasion and larceny charges in January.

The Haire Net

Trout Unlimited a success story



There was a time that the last Saturday in April was a red-letter day for me. It was the opening day of the trout season in Michigan.

It was a day that drew throngs of people who started about now to anticipate a great day on a stream in Michigan's outdoors.

Most of them really knew that the chances on the opener to enjoy a wonderful fishing day were really slim. Over the years the opener has produced temperatures as high as 70 degrees and days where the ice forms in the fishing guides.

Even 30 years or so ago on the opener the pressure on the better-known fishing holes often produced side-by-side anglers.

The general statewide trout season still starts on the last Saturday in April, but it's not the same. Parts of many streams remain open the year-around and on any better than average winter day fishermen in boats will be on the open rivers looking for steelhead trout, brown trout or salmon.

The use and the misuse of trout streams by the increasing hordes was a cause of concern and a group of Michigan fishermen decided over 40 years ago to form a club to promote trout fishing. They named it "Trout Unlimited"

From the first, the growth was phenomenal and chapters popped up like dandelions in a sun-drenched field.

Today, of course, "Trout Unlimited" is a nation-wide organization active in conservation with a strong presence in the political arena.


It didn't take long before chapter members learned that there was more to increasing and protecting trout than the laudable work that the volunteers were doing in the streams. To be effective the club needed to consider the entire watershed and inaugurate a plan to curb pollution over the entire river system in the area.

While the primary emphasis of "Trout Unlimited" was to protect the fishery, it now acts in accord with other organizations that are working hard to protect the environment.

In Michigan, for instance, I know of about a half dozen that are active and successful. Thousands of acres including miles of river and lake front property are protected forever because of groups like the "Nature Conservancy", "Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy", "Charlevoix Area Land Conservancy" and others of a similar nature.

These organizations help "Trout Unlimited" reach its goals and "Trout Unlimited" helps them.

And together they help us all.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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The recent pet food recall reminds me of how much pets have changed over the years. We've gone from the days when we got pets for the kids, to today, when folks have pets instead of kids.

The pet food recall reportedly resulted from the deaths of 14 cats and dogs across the country. Nine of these were cats that died in taste tests conducted by the pet food company. While it's always sad to lose a pet, some very serious human diseases get less attention than this.

The newspapers say the veterinary school at the University of California Davis offers hemo-dialysis or even kidney transplants for affected pets that don't respond to intravenous fluids and supportive care. Hemo-dialysis costs up to \$4,000, and transplants can go as high as \$13,000.

I can't speak for others, but I would probably need some extra fluids and supportive care if I got a vet bill like that.

As this is written the pet food recall involves cans and pouches of Menu Foods "cuts and gravy" meals. Dry foods don't seem to be involved.

I remember visiting a friend when I was a boy — and helping him feed the family's Collies. Every meal we would open two cans of the same dog food and split them between the two dogs.

This seemed odd to me: The same food every meal.

Imagine how a pet feels when he knows every meal is going to be just like the last one. "Cuts and gravy. Cuts and gravy. I'm so sick of cuts and gravy!"

I always felt sorry for my friend's family. "That's a shame," I thought. "These folks don't even have table scraps for their dogs."

My family's dogs never saw canned food, or even dry food, as I recall. There were seven kids in our family, and we had lots of table scraps.

Those were the days when families ate meals together. There's no point in saving a little dab of leftovers when every meal is for nine people.

Our dogs didn't mind, either. They liked the variety.

Even the cats ate a selection of foods in those days. We gave them milk twice a day, and they filled in with mice and rats.

Once in awhile our cats would catch a sparrow or a gopher, and this was a special treat for them. They would have been offended if we offered them something like "cuts and gravy."

Probably the best leftover dog we ever had was old Brownie. Brownie came from one of those litters nobody planned on, and being brown was about the only thing he ever did.

There were ten pups in that litter (as you would expect), and every one of them looked like something different. My brother and I wanted to keep a long-eared, blue tick looking pup, but Dad had other ideas.

Dad took the whole bunch to the pound — except for Brownie. I think he knew Brownie would never cause any problems, and he would always be happy with table scraps.

Thieves target Thumb Welding

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro are investigating a weekend break-in and theft of several thousand dollars worth of equipment at a Cass City area business.

Trooper Bob Dunham said the thief or thieves gained entry to Thumb Welding Supplies Inc., 5107 Kelly Rd., by forcing open a rear door sometime between late Saturday night and early Monday morning.

The business owners are still conducting an inventory, but so far the missing property includes a plasma cutter, a wire feed welder and a torch set.

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Cass City Chronicle

5-Day Local Forecast

Wednesday
Isolated T-storms
High: 47 Low: 35

Thursday
Mostly Sunny
High: 55 Low: 37

Friday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 57 Low: 40

Saturday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 54 Low: 35

Sunday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 47 Low: 32

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 47°, humidity of 70% and an overnight low of 35°. The record high temperature for today is 76° set in 1989. The record low temperature is 10° set in 1979. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 55°.

Upcoming Moon Phases

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Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today 7:22 a.m.
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|-----------|------|-----|---------|--------|
| Monday | 43 | 28 | 40/23 | 0.00" |
| Tuesday | 30 | 18 | 41/24 | 0.00" |
| Wednesday | 48 | 21 | 41/24 | 0.00" |
| Thursday | 63 | 34 | 41/24 | 0.00" |
| Friday | 52 | 28 | 42/25 | 0.00" |
| Saturday | 54 | 37 | 42/25 | 0.00" |
| Sunday | 55 | 30 | 43/25 | 0.00" |

Precipitation 0.00"
Normal precipitation 0.56"
Departure from normal -0.56"
Average temperature 38.6°
Average normal temperature 32.9°
Departure from normal +5.7°

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Red Hawk Talk

by Kyle Swanson

Twenty-two people met March 15 at a house on Seeger Street to depart for a journey. However, this was not a shopping trip to Saginaw, a trip to Bay City, or even a trip to Canada; it was a trip that would take these individuals across the Atlantic to visit Europe.

The group consisted of some members of the forensic team at Cass City High School and some of their parents. We flew out at about 8 p.m. from Detroit and headed for Frankfurt, Germany. Germany was not on our original itinerary, but due to flight patterns we would have to fly there and wait in a 7-hour layover. Fortunately, several students brought cards to entertain themselves, pillows to rest their heads on, and homework to catch up on.

We then left Germany the next day and headed for Rome. We touched down on Italian soil Friday night and headed for the hotel.

While in Italy, we not only visited Rome, but also Florence, Milan, Pisa, Siena, and San Gimignano. Highlights included visiting the Vatican, the Colosseum, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, several art museums and churches, and much more. It certainly was interesting walking around the cities and having our guide tell us about the history of the city and how things came to be as they are today.

After the first 6 days of our trip, we headed for Paris, France on the seventh day. Taking a train from Milan to Paris, we arrived in Paris and headed to our hotel for some sleep.

The next morning we took to the city and visited as much as we possibly could. We spent time in Notre Dame Cathedral, looking at paintings and sculptures in the Louvre, and seeing monuments such as the Eiffel Tower, the Arc De Triomphe, and much more.

After spending time in Paris, we headed to Versailles for lunch and a tour of the Palace of Versailles. I think that most of the people who went on the trip would agree with me that the Palace of Versailles was certainly a

sight to see. Its extravagant décor and sheer size certainly symbolized the wealth it took to build such a masterpiece.

Returning to Paris later that day, we spent a few hours in the Louvre and saw many famous works of art by artists including Da Vinci, Michelangelo, and some of history's most respected painters and sculptors.

Finally, after visiting the Louvre, we headed to eat dinner and then we journeyed out to the Eiffel Tower that evening. However, instead of just getting pictures with the tower in the background, we bought tickets and were actually able to go up in the tower. I am sure that several students would agree with me in saying that this was one of the best things on the trip. To see the city from so far up, and in the evening when you could see the city illuminated, was breathtaking.

After an hour or so in the Eiffel Tower, we returned to our hotel and began to pack for the long journey home. The next morning, we left the hotel and headed for the airport, and we flew back to Chicago, where we were supposed to have a 4 hour layover. However, due to fog delays in Chicago, we didn't leave for another hour and a half. Once again though, we were able to catch up on some homework, catch some sleep, or even play a game of cards.

We arrived back in Detroit, where we collected our luggage and headed home. I won't lie and say that I was eager to get up on Saturday morning. In fact, I, and I'm sure many others who went on the trip, slept in. However, considering that we didn't get home until around 2:30 a.m., I don't think that was unreasonable.

I know I had a great time on the trip, and I am sure that everyone else who went enjoyed it too. We may have had a few transportation delays along the way, but everything worked out and Italy and France were better than we had even thought possible.

Arrivederci and à bientôt!

Troopers quickly nab resident near the Caro Center

A Caro Center resident tasted freedom for only a couple hours last week before Michigan State Police troopers tracked him down.

And, unlike another escape in 2004, when convicted sex offender Corbin Thomas walked away from the state mental hospital only to return a few days later and attack several employees with a hammer and knife, last week's incident ended without anyone getting hurt.

Troopers were called to the Caro Center, located 2000 Chambers Rd. in Indianfields Township, at about 8:45 a.m. to assist in locating Mark Wersing, 46, after the staff reported the man ran into a wooded area bordering the facility grounds.

Wersing was committed to the Caro Center after being found not guilty by reason of insanity in a homicide committed in Oakland County nearly 30 years ago.

"With the assistance of Tuscola County Sheriff's deputies, Caro Police Department officers and a local state police motor carrier officer, troopers established a perimeter within a mile of where the subject was last seen," Caro post Commander First Lt. Doug Lautner reported.

"In less than an hour, additional troopers from Bad Axe, Bay City, Bridgeport, Flint and Lapeer, along with area DNR conservation officers, converged on the Caro Center along with K-9 units from Flint and Bridge-

port," he said. "Detectives from the Thumb Narcotics Unit and Third District Headquarters in Saginaw provided additional support to uniformed officers with intelligence information and perimeter observation in their unmarked cars."

Trooper Steven Escott and his K-9 partner "Enzo", established a track through a heavily wooded area on the west side of the Caro Center property.

"After a search that lasted approximately 80 minutes, the subject was found hiding in the underbrush at approximately 11 a.m., still inside the Caro Center property boundaries," Lautner said. "Trooper Escott and Trooper Troy Szukhent took Wersing into custody without incident (and) he was returned to the Caro Center for evaluation and further supervision."

Lautner credited the quick capture to an organized and cooperative effort involving several agencies.

"We had an immediate response of MSP troopers and local police agencies, coordination of resources by Tuscola Central Dispatch, and a well-trained Caro Center staff that all worked together," he said. "While we will always review our procedures after critical incidents, I'm impressed with the way this search was executed."

Vandals damage school soccer fields

Cass City School officials would like to meet the individual or individuals who recently vandalized school and village grounds with a vehicle, and present that person with a bill for repairs.

School Supt. Ron Wilson said he filed a report with the Cass City Police Department after someone damaged the soccer fields at the high school by driving across them and

spinning their tires, leaving large ruts. The culprit(s) also drove onto the sledding hill, Wilson said.

Wilson noted it will be impossible to use heavy equipment to repair the damage at this time due to the spring thaw, meaning the work will have to be done by hand and could cost as much as \$2,500.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Cass City Police Department at 872-2911.



Cardinal ChatBack

by Hannah Strauel

Every Wednesday a group of Kingston high school students take a trip to the Kingston Elementary School. Why? To spend lunchtime with an elementary student through a program called Lunch Buddies, sponsored by Big Brothers-Big Sisters.

A high school student is paired with an elementary student who needs one on one mentoring. This time of sharing lunch is an awesome opportunity to make a difference in the life of a young child who might not receive love and support at other times.

Not only is this a special opportunity for each child, but the high school student also enjoys this time.

"I love spending time with kids," Sophomore Amber Greer commented. When asked if he enjoyed being a lunch buddy, Senior Justin Cloyd responded, "Yes I do. It feels good to know that I'm making a difference in the life of someone who doesn't always feel like he's special. Sometimes it takes sacrifice, but I wouldn't have it any other way." Senior Brianne Schultz agreed. "It is very fulfilling," she said.

What do these high schoolers enjoy most about Lunch Buddies? Senior Jillian Mageria enjoys "being able to help a child" and Senior Bekki Johnson loves "spending time with her buddy." "Seeing (that) the kids enjoy our visits," is what Senior Tristin Pennington likes best, while Senior Christina Adamczyk looks forward to just sitting and "talking with my buddy."

Recess is Justin Cloyd's favorite part of Lunch Buddies. "It's a chance to get outside and be a kid again. It's also a good opportunity to help my lunch buddy to be more social and make friends."

As a lunch buddy myself, it is rewarding to know that even though we are doing little, we can make a big

impact in the life of each child. It appears that my own lunch buddy anticipates each time I spend with her. I feel elated as I walk in the doors of the elementary and am greeted by a smiling face that is excited to see me. She is so cute and delightful.

However, the part I like most about the program is witnessing the changes in my lunch buddy during the time I have spent with her. At first, I had to probe for her to simply answer a question. Now she is bursting with things to say from the time I walk in the door to the time I leave to go back to the high school.

If your school already has a Lunch Buddies program and you are not involved, I would encourage you to get involved. If you are interested in starting a Lunch Buddies program in your school, contact a local Big Brothers-Big Sisters organization.

Children need to know that someone cares. Getting involved in Lunch Buddies is an opportunity to show them. But it not only benefits the child, you, as a high school student, can allow this experience to help you grow as an individual.

Are you up for the challenge of making a difference in the life of a child?

Center to close

The Tuscola County Recycling Center will be closed Friday, April 6, in observance of Good Friday.

The regular business hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For additional information, call (989) 672-1673 or email: recycle@tuscolacounty.org. You may also check out the website at: www.tuscolacounty.org/recycling/ for additional information on all county recycling programs.



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The Township Board will be reviewing the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2007-2008. The Township Board will also review road improvements for 2007.

Duane Lockwood
Ellington Township Supervisor

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Revive!

Church gearing up to host annual community services and kids fair

The Revive event in Cass City started out as one church's effort to reach out to members of the community with a simple message: God loves people and has a plan for their lives.

Today, the event draws residents of all ages and from all backgrounds - last year's attendance approached 300 people both nights - and other churches are getting involved, according to the Rev. Bob Sweeney, pastor of the Cass City Missionary Church.

"Revive is mainly sponsored by and led by a team of people from the Cass City Missionary Church, (but) many

businesses and individuals from the community support Revive financially and throughout their own time, efforts and talents," Sweeney said. "We are grateful for the number of people that have taken interest in this event and the many ways they serve. A number of our local churches are involved and support continues to grow each year."

"We want Revive to be the effort of God's Church reaching out to the community, not just one local church body," he added.

This year's Revive is scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. (community service) and Saturday at 10 a.m. (children's

service and fun fair) and 7 p.m. (community service) at Cass City High School.

"The idea of Revive probably started about 3 to 4 years ago as God burdened the hearts of a few people in the Cass City Missionary Church about how to better reach and communicate to others who Jesus is and how much He loves people," Sweeney said. "Now in its third year running, Revive has grown as an outreach ministry to the community of Cass City. Our purpose statement conveys the heart of what Revive stands for: 'Communicating to the community that Jesus transforms lives'."

"We believe that God loves people, has a plan and purpose for each of us, and wants to mold and shape us into the kind of people that He wants us to be," Sweeney added. "Revive exists to communicate such truths and to give people of all ages the opportunity to hear what God has to say to them and hopefully walk away changed and living for Jesus."

Sweeney said some people have wondered why the event is held at the high school.

"Admittedly, space is an issue for an event this size, but one reason we decided to hold it there is that we wanted this event to be community focused and be open to anybody that wanted to attend for free," he explained.

"We are finding that some people won't come through the doors of a church, for various reasons, and besides that I believe as pastor that we need to communicate to people that the church isn't a building anyway," Sweeney continued. "Yes, we do need to meet somewhere and that is why we have our various places of worship. But, the Bible makes it very clear that people are God's church, not a building."

The community services Friday and Saturday will both be followed by a coffee hour. Saturday will kick off with a children's service at 10 a.m. following by a fun fair until 1 p.m. featuring inflatables, face painting, various games and prizes, giveaways, a craft table, snow cones, cotton candy, a hot dog lunch and more.

"We are excited about our speakers this year, who will also be providing the music; Jay and Laura Laffoon," Sweeney noted.

"A number of people have probably heard about Jay and Laura over the radio and the marriage conferences they have at various places throughout the state called 'Celebrate Your Marriage'. Their goal at Revive will be to talk about and address various family issues, and direct people to God in the midst of what they are facing or struggling with. We believe (they) have the ability to and will connect well with people of all ages."

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

While his classmates are looking forward to some time off, summer jobs and relaxation after graduation, Noah Gould is facing the greatest physical and mental challenges of his life. And what's more, he can't wait. Gould, a Cass City High School senior, has been accepted as a midshipman in the Class of 2006 at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. He is scheduled to be sworn in June 28. Gould and his parents, the Rev. Todd and Tara Gould, have been anxiously awaiting a phone call regarding the 18-year-old's application for weeks. That call finally came from Congressman Jim Barcia's office on a recent Thursday afternoon, and Todd didn't hesitate to call his son at school. "I was just flipping out with the good news," Noah said of his reaction. "That phone call meant a lot."

It's not just around here that ladybugs have taken up residence. They aren't just at home in the Thumb or in the state. They have them in Ohio, according to a newspaper clipping that Jack and Ruth Esau received from their daughter, Mary Beth, describing the invasion of the beneficial bug. Perhaps she sent it because she knows that the Esau home, that's adjacent to bean fields, is a happy hunting ground for the insects, Ruth Esau writes. (From Rabbit Tracks)

"The 2002-2003 State FFA Reporter is...Scott Smalley from Ubyly." Those are the words the FFA members heard when the ceremonial officers for the Michigan FFA were announced at the final session of the 74th Michigan FFA State Convention, held recently at Michigan State University. "This was a very proud moment for the Ubyly FFA," said Deloris Smalley, Ubyly FFA advisor. "This is the first time in 21 years that an Ubyly FFA member has been elected to a State FFA Officer Team. It may be the first time in the history of the Ubyly FFA that Ubyly has had a member elected to a ceremonial office." That State Officer Team consists of 6 ceremonial officers and 6 regional vice-presidents (one representing each region in the state of Michigan).

10 YEARS AGO

The Cass City High School Student Council and National Honor Society sponsored a blood drive that resulted in the collection of 44 units of blood Thursday, exceeding the goal of 40 units. School Supt. Ken Micklash and teacher Brian Kohl were among the first donors in line.

Sixty-three percent of all fluid milk is sold in one-gallon containers. And almost 3-quarters of all milk is sold in recyclable plastic jugs.

For the fourth year, Cass City Middle School students conducted a food drive. The 4-day drive, held

last week, netted 1,000 food items, according to coordinator Laura Schinnerer, who said the food will be distributed by the Novesta Church of Christ and the Church of the Nazarene.

25 YEARS AGO

Thumb B officials are still haggling about the league organization. After a meeting Monday it was decided to take a mail ballot of the schools to change the constitution from a maximum of 10 teams to 16 teams to make it possible to effect a merger with Thumb C Conference schools. Here's a prediction that regardless of the mail vote the merger will melt and Sandusky will be leaving the Thumb B for what coaches there say is easier competition. (From Rabbit Tracks)

When the Columbia space shuttle landed, John Stochla Sr. planned to be watching on his television. He watched March 22 when it was launched and has paid close attention to the two previous flights. "I watched it the first time it went up (in April, 1981) and I stayed all day by the television." The current cost estimate for the total space shuttle program is \$10.083 billion, Stochla feels the program is worthwhile and that the United States will get a lot of use out of the four space shuttles to be built, which are sort of an outer space version of an ocean freighter. "I think that's the coming thing." He feels the shuttle program could be of military benefit, and as far as he is concerned, "Anything for defense is well spent because I think Russia is going too far. We have got to be prepared." (From Our Neighbor Says)

Saturday, March 20, the 40-member Owendale-Gagetown High School senior band attended the District 3 Band and Orchestra Festival at Lakeland High School. The band, under the direction of Clifford D. Westby, received a rating of "excellent" for their concert and sight reading performance. "The adjudicating was very tough this year," Westby said, "but I feel we were rated on a par with the other performing groups at this site."

35 YEARS AGO

The next time one of the ladies in the family slips off to the beauty parlor or dad decides to whip his baldness with a wig, chances are good that whoever does the work will be using one or more of the products manufactured by Cass City's newest plant. Almost as if it did spring from ashes, Phoenix Manufacturing, 6128 Main, slipped into the community from Detroit unannounced and unheralded to start operations several weeks ago. William Anson, a lanky, likeable young businessman on the threshold of middle-age grinned and said, "Everyone asks what we manu-

facture here and I just can't tell them." This is what we make, he added, showing a picture of a group of odd shaped pieces of metal and plastic. They are used for shaping wigs and similar work in beauty shops. Actually, we don't manufacture here at all right now, Anson continued. We are a shipping point. All of the parts you see, he said, with a wave of his hand to the hoppers full of casting scattered around the small shop are made in Detroit. (From Rabbit Tracks)

The clarinet duet of Carolyn Smith and Linda Batfel received a top rating of one Saturday when the two high school band members competed in state level competition in the Michigan School Band Orchestra solo and ensemble contest at Bridgeport. The reed woodwind trio of Randy Wright, Katherine Kloc and Laurie Reed was given a rating of two. The five students under the direction of band director George Bushong took blue medals at the district solo and ensemble competition Feb. 12 at Flint, which allowed them to continue in the competition.

Wayne Cummings and Dale Laming of the Cass City FFA Chapter were the 1972 delegates to the FFA State Convention. They visited with Miss Michigan 1971, Linda Kish, about the career opportunities in agriculture and natural resources. The FFA State Convention was held as a part of Farmers' Week on the Michigan State University Campus.

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

Cass City Church of the Nazarene
6538 Third St., Cass City, MI 48726
872-2604 or 872-5201
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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& Children's Activities 6:00 p.m.
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Cass City Missionary Church
4449 Koepfgen Rd., Cass City, MI 48726
989-872-2729
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service & Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m.
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3002 S. Elkton Rd., Owendale, MI 48754
989-375-2354
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
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Scrapbook Sunday, Last Sunday of the month, 1-7 p.m.
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Cass City United Methodist Church
5100 N. Cemetery Rd.,
P.O. Box 125, Cass City, MI 48726
872-3422
Worship: 11:00 a.m.
(Summer 9:30 a.m.)
Sunday School - Sept.-May 9:30 a.m.
Community Dinner - Monthly (2nd Wed. at noon)
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Evangelical Free Church of Cass City
6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Watson, Frappart win ‘Bowler of the Year’ honors in Cass City

Bonnie Watson and Matt Frappart earned “Bowler of the Year” honors over the weekend at Charmont Lanes in Cass City.

To qualify for the Bowler of the Year Tournament, men must roll a 3-game series of 650 pins or better, while the lady qualifiers must top the 550 mark during a sanctioned, in house event.

In Saturday’s men’s division, each qualifier rolled 3 games with the top 5 finishers advancing into a step ladder roll-off to determine the house champion. This year’s finalists, and their 3-game series totals, were: Frappart (571), Roy Hull (578), Tom Lis (624), Jeff Mathewson (635) and number one seed Marty Zawilinski (695).

While Frappart’s road to the house

championship was a long haul, it was one he was able to complete with a string of four 200+ games.

In round one, Frappart defeated Hull 224-195. Then in round two, Lis fell 187-234, as Frappart recorded his highest score of the night.

In the semifinals against Mathewson, Frappart advanced with a 212-197 victory before defeating Zawilinski, 211-172.

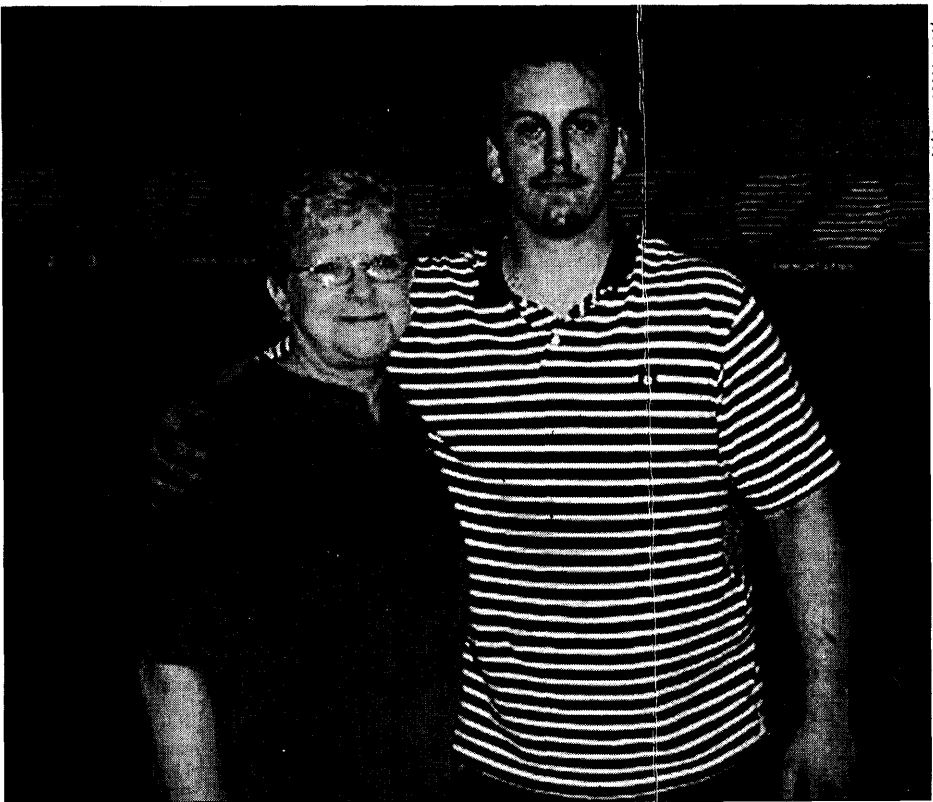
In the women’s division, Watson continued her dominance, winning her third title in four years with a 204-169 decision over Krista Maurer.

Maurer moved into the finals with a 169-138 victory over Deb Silance.

Watson entered the roll off as the number one seed after rolling a 3-game series of 532, while Maurer and

Silance rolled series of 515 and 487, respectively.

Past “Bowler of the Year” winners include: Ed Schmaltz, Bonnie Watson (2006); Don Doerr, Deb Silance (2005); Gary Robinson, Bonnie Watson (2004); Mark Lutz, Sophie Lutz (2003); Mark Lutz, Margie Gettel (2002); Jeff Krol, Janelle Dickinson (2001); Tim Pattengill, Bonnie Watson (2000); Doug Shannon, Lisa Erla (1999); Myron Jackson, Cindy Smith (1998); Todd Comment, Joyce LaRoche (1997); Steve Hammett, Dee Mathewson (1996); Mark Lutz, Margie Gettel (1995); John Milletics, Pam Corcoran (1994); Mark Lutz, Connie Lindquist (1993); Mark Lutz, Elaine Romain (1992); Kim Anthony, Lori Comment (1991); Doug Odell, Dee Mathewson (1990); Rodney Hood, Lisa Erla (1989); Mark Lutz, Sharon Delong (1988).



THE 2007 Charmont Lanes “Bowler of the Year” winners are Bonnie Watson and Matt Frappart.



THE TOP 5 men qualifiers at Charmont’s Bowler of the Year tournament were, from left, Matt Frappart, Marty Zawilinski, Jeff Mathewson, Tom Lis and Roy Hull.



THE TOP 3 lady qualifiers at Charmont’s Bowler of the Year tournament were, from left, Bonnie Watson, Krista Maurer and Deb Silance.

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Splits: P. Hellwig 2-7, 3-10; C. Wright 3-10.

Team High Game & Series: Gagetown C. Corners 645-603 (1803).

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| First Team | | | |
|--|--------|--------------|--|
| Deanna Welch | Senior | Brown City | |
| Jenna Lange | Junior | Marlette | |
| Kayla Thompson | Senior | Marlette | |
| Carisa Seltz | Senior | Harbor Beach | |
| Shannon Weber | Junior | Ubly | |
| Jade Kaufman | Senior | Ubly | |
| Shelby Labuhn | Senior | Ubly | |
| Second Team | | | |
| Julie Martus | Senior | Brown City | |
| Josie Volz | Junior | Marlette | |
| Shauna Salcido | Senior | Mayville | |
| Malorie Machart | Senior | Deckerville | |
| Stefanie Gainor | Senior | Harbor Beach | |
| Brittany Alvarez | Senior | Sandusky | |
| Lauren Hale | Senior | Sandusky | |
| Honorable Mention | | | |
| Rita Gentner, Andrea Geiger, Lyndsay White, Becky Kubacki, Ubly, Ashley Doerr, Julie Miller, Julia Gutierrez, Alicia Grigg, Clarissa Martin, Sandusky, Kayla Parr, Elaine Burgess, Kayla Cain, Brown City, Melissa Brown, Jenna Thompson, Marlette, Nichole Grover, Chelsea Roehl, Mayville, Ashley Szymanski, Dana Stolicker, Deckerville, Jillian Holdwick, Jennie O’Neil, Jacqueline Kirsch, Alyson Cook, Harbor Beach. | | | |

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FABULOUS FIVE. Kingston's Class of 2007 has added plenty of hardware to the school's trophy case, including 9 basketball titles. They include, front, left to right, Seth Flikkie, coach Mike Rea, Tristin Pennington (back) Brandon Jones, Nathan Harneck and Brian Stine.

NCTL cage stars named

League champions Owen-Gage and Kingston dominated both North

GREATER THUMB EAST BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAMS

| First Team | | |
|--------------------|--------|--------------|
| Kevin Mroczek | Senior | Marlette |
| Kevin Ginther | Senior | Harbor Beach |
| Darren Essenmacher | Senior | Harbor Beach |
| Grant Pichla | Senior | Uby |
| Matt Loding | Senior | Sandusky |
| Donovan Ogboh | Junior | Brown City |
| Second Team | | |
| Austin Comment | Junior | Marlette |
| Jeremy Kubacki | Junior | Uby |
| Chad Schmidt | Senior | Sandusky |
| Seth McVittie | Senior | Deckerville |
| Sean Hornby | Junior | Deckerville |
| Justin McPhail | Senior | Brown City |

Honorable Mention

Jordan Kaufman, Uby, Tyler Loding, Sandusky, John Bishop, David Distelrath, Marlette, Ryan Brown, Justin Osentoski, Alex Titus, Harbor Beach, Wes Messing, Jake O'Mara, Deckerville, A.J. Burton, Jeremy Burgess, Brown City, Brett Beckett, Travis Sidaway, Ashton Workman, David Buggia, Mayville.

NCTL airs volleyball dream teams

Owen-Gage senior Becky Schmidt, junior April Nowaczyk and sophomore Amanda Faist were all recognized among the best North Central Thumb League - North spikers by league coaches.

Schmidt and Faist, second team performers in 2006, were selected to the NCTL-N dream team along with Melissa Diehl, Akron-Fairgrove, Megan Fortsch, Caseville, and North Huron's Alex Risch, Heather Miller and Jodie Pettit.

Nowaczyk joins Port Hope's Mercei Abraham, Caseville's Bethany Grates, Akron-Fairgrove's Alyssa Monchilov and North Huron's Heather Dobson and Nicole Church as second team all conference players.

Earning honorable mention accolades were Chelsea Heldt, Port Hope, Abby Knoblock, North Huron and Renee Repkie, Akron-Fairgrove.

In the NCTL-South, Kingston's Courtney Chinesmith, Liz Cummings, Sarah DeCeunick, Dryden, Erica Christy, CPS, and Memphis' Dana Lang and Kara Ruff complete the dream team selections.

The NCTL-S second team all conference choices were Sarah Vroman, Kayla Campbell, Kingston, Sarah Long, Peck, Lynsey Marchwinski, Dryden, Sam McCarty, CPS, and Kara Ruff and Kiara King, Memphis.

Lindsay Williams, Peck, April Warner, Dryden, Sarah Masters and Lauren Bishop, Memphis all received honorable mention recognition.

Kingston's version of the... FAB FIVE

When Brandon Jones receives his diploma this spring, he'll do so having played a part on over 10 Kingston High School championship sports teams.

The same holds true for his senior classmates Nathan Harneck and Tristin Pennington. You can also add the names of Seth Flikkie and Brian Stine to the list of 2007 graduates whose astonishing Cardinal basketball careers ended in a quarterfinal loss recently to Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

Although the Cardinals' bid to reach the Breslin Center fell just short, their success on the hardwood floor, and the gridiron field, will be talked about for years among Thumb residents.

"There will be no replacing this group," said coach Mike Rea who coached the special group to 12 titles, including 3 North Central Thumb League football titles.

Notwithstanding their achievements in the fall, it's on the hardwoods where this group left its mark in Cardinal sporting lore.

Among their hoop championships were 3 NCTL titles, 2 district crowns, and one regional toga. In addition, since their sophomore seasons the group captured a holiday tournament each year, playing in 3 different venues.

"They are an unselfish group, that's their greatest attribute. They all share the ball and don't care who gets the credit," said Rea, long-time Kingston basketball and football mentor.

They also know how to win and the hype over this class's potential started at an early age. Their big men - Jones, Harneck and Pennington - were tall at an early age and helped to complete 2 perfect seasons (24-0) at the junior high level.

Their success wasn't achieved without plenty of hard work throughout the years.

"We played in 3-on-3 tournaments together since the fifth grade," said Flikkie, the Cardinals' diminutive point guard who shot over 55% from the field and nearly 40% from behind the 3-point arc in his final Cardinal season. As a group, they played in summer leagues at Vassar for 2 years before competing with teams from the Flint area last summer.

"We attended team camps at both Central Michigan University and Saginaw Valley State University," said Harneck who was a force around the glass, especially on the defense end of the court where he led the team with 100 rebounds during the 2006-07 campaign.

As freshmen, the group was a perfect 20-0 playing against junior varsity competition. The following season, Jones, Harneck and Pennington made their varsity debuts and helped compile a record of 20-2. During the 2004-05 season, Caseville delivered the Cardinals with its maiden loss. It would also mark the first time that the 3 Cardinal big men tasted defeat.

The setback must not have been to their liking, however, because over the next 2 seasons, with Flikkie and Stine reunited in the backcourt, they

compiled a pair of perfect 20-0 regular seasons.

They all bring something different to the court, according to Rea. Brandon Jones is a perfect 20-0 regular season player.

"They are an unselfish group, that's their greatest attribute. They all share the ball and don't care who gets the credit."

Coach Mike Rea

don has those long arms, Nathan is as good as anybody in the post, Tristin can run the floor with the best, and Seth and Brian both have com-

plete, solid games.

While the group's accomplishments will leave a lasting impression with Cardinal fans, Kingston's version of the Fab Five says it's been a 2-way street.

"Our fans have been great. It was so loud during the quarterfinals that people listening to the game on the radio couldn't hear the announcers over the crowd noise."

They certainly have had plenty to cheer about over the last 3 years.

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Sandoval sentenced

A Tuscola County man will spend the next 20 to 60 years in prison following his convictions on charges of criminal sexual conduct.

Maximo Sandoval Jr., 20, Reese, received the sentenced last week in Tuscola County Circuit Court. He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,440.

Sandoval was convicted by a jury on 3 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct involving personal injury to the victim. He was also found guilty of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

The crimes occurred Aug. 20, 2005, in Denmark Township, according to court records, which noted Sandoval was also initially charged with 2 counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct.

In other circuit court proceedings last week:

•Joseph A. Shufelt, 20, Caro, received a one-year delayed sentence for his plea of guilty to assaulting a police officer Oct. 11 in Caro.

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

•Sarah E. Amott, 24, Caro, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail following her failure to appear for a pre-sentence investigation. She previously pleaded guilty to larceny Aug. 29, 2005, in Cass City.

She was ordered to pay \$720 in costs and fines. Restitution in the case is to be determined.

•Thomas T. Delarosa, 59, Fairgrove, was sentenced to 180 days in jail for his plea of guilty to violation of the Sex Offenders Registration Act by failing to notify law enforcement of a change in address within 10 days Sept. 25 in Fairgrove.

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

•Matthew J. Griffin, 25, Mayville, was sentenced to 150 days in jail for his pleas of guilty to cutting/tapping telephone lines and domestic violence May 25 in Fremont Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$165 in costs and fines.

•Mark E. Peplinski, 43, Vassar, received a one-year delayed sentence for his pleas of guilty to assaulting a police officer and domestic violence Dec. 23 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$865.

•Joseph R. Hrymecki, 23, Prescott, was sentenced to 150 days in jail (deferred) and 36 months probation for his pleas of guilty to larceny from a motor vehicle and attempted larceny from a motor vehicle Sept. 6 in Juniata Township.

He was also ordered to pay \$1,080 in costs and fines. Restitution is to be determined.

•Steven R. Hiter, 25, Kingston, stood mute to charges of interfering with electronic communications and domestic violence Feb. 16 in Kingston.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered in the case. Bond was continued at \$5,000.

•Travis L. Schwalm, 18, Clio, pleaded guilty to second degree home invasion and larceny in a building Jan. 23 in Millington.

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

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•Matthew A. Rogers, 25, Vassar, pleaded guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond Jan. 17 in Caro. He was also convicted of being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$50,000. Sentencing is to be set.

•Joshua W. Gillespie, 21, Vassar, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana, subsequent offense, Feb. 8 in Caro.

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

•Nathanael I. McTaggart, 21, Reese, pleaded guilty to larceny in a building Dec. 19 in Reese, and second degree home invasion Oct. 28 in Reese.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was continued at a combined \$12,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be set.

•Christopher J. Byrne, 19, Otter Lake, pleaded guilty to 2 counts of second degree home invasion and larceny of property valued at \$200 to \$1,000 between Nov. 6 and Nov. 9 in Watertown Township.

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

•Michael L. Derscha, 39, Millington, pleaded no contest to 2 counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct involving a victim at least 13 years of age but under 16 between June and September in Millington Township.

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

•Timothy W. Craig, 33, Caro, pleaded guilty to interfering with electronic communications Feb. 10 in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered and bond was continued at \$8,000. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

Older drivers encouraged to attend class

The Tuscola County Safe Communities Coalition is partnering with TRIAD and AARP, to offer the nationally known "Driver Safety Program" for people age 50 and older.

The course is scheduled for Monday, April 1, and Wednesday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Tuscola Technology Center, 1401 Cleaver Rd., Caro. A fee of \$10 will be charged, and TRIAD officials will be paying the fee for the first 20 individuals to register.

To register, call Sylvia at (989) 673-8114 (ext. 148), or Jenny Hepfer at (989) 673-2690 (after 6 p.m.).

Brendon Crosby

Brendon Robert Crosby, 8, of Silverwood, died unexpectedly Monday, March 19, 2007 in Caro Community Hospital.

He was born Nov. 18, 1998 in Saginaw, the son of Scott Salvador and Patsy Crosby.

Brendon attended Highland Pines School in Caro.

He is survived by his mother, Patsy Crosby; a brother, Colton Stadler at home; his father, Scott Salvador of Vanderbilt; a special dad, Tony Stadler of Kingston; grandparents: Karen and Larry Lesawik of Kingston, Bob Crosby and Polly Wade of Kingston, and Lynn and Delbert Stadler of Kingston; a special buddy, Corey Snover of Silverwood; a step-sister, Cassandra Salvador; great grandparents: Henry Wolak of Kingston, and Ruth Crosby of Caro; God parents, Kelly and Ken Innes of Vassar; and several aunts, uncles, great aunts and great uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents: Josephine Wolak, Robert Crosby, and Patsy Rienstra.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 23, at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Ken Sanderfur of Kingston Wesleyan Church officiating.

Interment will be in St. Michaels Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston.

Elwood Hacker

Elwood Hacker, 71, of Sheridan Township, died Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at home.

He was born Oct. 22, 1935 in Austin Township, Sanilac County, the son of the late Albert John and Cora (Puterbaugh) Hacker.

He married Jewell E. Little Nov. 29, 1958 in Bad Axe.

Hacker was a member of Faith Gospel Tabernacle. He was a farmer and employed as a production worker for General Motors for 31 years before retiring July 1, 1985.

Hacker is survived by his wife, Jewell; 3 sons: Jerry D. Hacker of Port Austin, Brian D. (Melissa) Hacker of Ubly, and Patrick C. (Leena Palmer) Hacker of Cass City; a daughter, Lori Ann (Raymond) Cohen of Oakland County; 2 brothers: Jack "John" (Shirley) Hacker of Livonia and Elmer D. Hacker of Ubly; a sister, Louise Stierman of Argyle; and 6 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by 4 brothers: Bill, Norman, Herbert, and J.D. Hacker; and a sister, Leora DiPaola.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 19, at the Faith Gospel Tabernacle, with the Rev. James Willett officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Lois Johnson

Lois Marie Johnson, 91, of Deckerville, died Friday, March 23, 2007 in Autumnwood of Deckerville.

She was born June 11, 1915 in Newberry Township, Ohio, the daughter of Noel Lee and Minerva Mae (Lambert) Johnston.

She married Frederick Headly Johnson Aug. 1, 1947 in Covington, Ohio. He died June 1994.

Johnson graduated both from Marion College in Indiana (2 year teaching degree) and from Cascade College in Portland, Ore. (AB degree). Before going to Cascade College, she was employed as a school teacher in Covington Elementary Schools for 7

years, and for 2 1/2 years she worked at the Dakota Avenue Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church in Detroit. Johnson served on the faculty at Cascade College. She drove across the country from Ohio to Oregon by herself in a Model "T" Ford. Together, Johnson and her husband served the following churches: Vanport Community Church (Vanport City, Ore.), Soap Lake Community Church (Soap Lake, Wash.), Wapato United Missionary Church (Wapato, Wash.), Pleasant Hill UMC (Bronson), Indiana Chapel UMC (Bremen, Ind.); Mizpah, Riverside and New Greenleaf Circuit UMC (Cass City), Cass City UMC (Cass City), and East Wenatchee Friends Church (East Wenatchee, Wash.). While serving many of these churches, she taught at local public schools. She was active in Cass City Missionary Church serving as choir director, church organist and in children's ministry.

Johnson is survived by 2 daughters: Ruth Ann (David M.) Waid of Cassopolis, and Jane Marie (Mitchell) Anderson of Portland, Ore.; 5 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Esther Mae Johnson; 4 sisters, a brother, a brother-in-law, and her parents.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 26, at Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City, with the Rev. David Waid and the Rev. Clif Jordon officiating.

Interment will be in Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to Gideons International or Cass City Missionary Church.

Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Andrew Messing

Andrew J. Messing, 91, of Bad Axe, died Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at Courtney Manor, Bad Axe.

He was born July 30, 1915 in Ruth, the son of the late Henry and Helen (Tenbusch) Messing.

He married Genevieve Terbrack in 1934 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. She died Dec. 25, 2002.

Messing attended Sts. Peter and Paul Elementary School. He farmed all his life. He worked for Kilpatrick Dairy Farm in Kinde for a few years before retiring in 1977. Then he worked for Weiss Dairy Farm in Port Hope for 10 years.

Messing is survived by 2 sons: Alvin (Linda Franzel) Messing Sr. of Ubly and Paul (Kathy) Messing of Cass City; a daughter, Betty (Robert) Mausolf of Harbor Beach; 15 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; a brother, Leonard (Theresa) Messing of Harbor Beach; and a sister, Dorothy Roggenbuck of Harbor Beach.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Doris Goniwicha July 2, 1996; 6 sisters: Anna Essenmacher, Magdaline Kranz, Eleanor (John) Adler, Helen Kirsch, Clara Clor and Irene Samulski; and 4 brothers: Lawrence, Leo, Walter and Arthur Messing.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 16, at Zinger-Smigielki Funeral Home, Ubly, with the Rev. John

Rapson, pastor of Minden City United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Argyle Township Cemetery.

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

Arthur Morell

Arthur "Art" A. Morell, 92, of Ubly, died Thursday, March 15, 2007 at Courtney Manor, Bad Axe.

He was born Aug. 2, 1914 in Austin Township, Sanilac County, the son of the late Isadore and Josephine (Osentoski) Morell.

He married Pauline Fessler Jan. 5, 1963 in Caro. She died Oct. 17, 2006.

Morell attended the Proctor Country School. He graduated from Ubly High School in 1932. He farmed for many years before working at Sargents Construction Company in Saginaw and then at Michigan Sugar Company in Caro.

Morell is survived by 2 daughters: Rose Ann (Joe) Emming of Ruth and Janice (Jim) Peyerk of Cass City; 2 sons: Larry (Cindy) Morell of Ubly and James (Michele Newbegin) Morell of Ubly; 4 step-children: Jane (Gerry) Noto of Lachine, Linda (Gerald) Zittel of Vassar, Diane Kingsland of Cass City and Ted (Peggy VanMeter) Robinson Jr. of Fairgrove; 26 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; a great great-granddaughter; 4 sisters: Irene Guarnieri of Oak Beach, Margaret Hey of Bad Axe, Genevieve (Roland) Gracey of Bad Axe and Bernice (Stanley) Witkowski of Saginaw; a brother, Floyd Morell of Ubly; a sister-in-law, Ann Morell of Ubly; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 2 brothers: John and Michael Morell; 2 sisters: Sophie Kubacki and Marie Morell; 3 brothers-in-law, Robert Hey, Cass Kubacki and Fred Guarnieri; 2 grandsons: Jimmy Morell and Ray Emming; and a sister-in-law, Lorraine Morell.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 17, at the Zinger-Smigielki Funeral Home, Ubly, with the Rev. Jan Dykshorn, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Bad Axe, officiating.

Burial will be in the St. John's Catholic Cemetery in the spring.

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

Leslie Nicholas

Leslie Floyd Nicholas, 59, of Caro, died suddenly Friday, March 23, 2007 at home.

He was born Sept. 8, 1947 in Cass City, the son of Floyd and Martha (Preba) Nicholas.

He married Linda Mott of Auburn Sept. 9, 1988.

Nicholas was a graduate of Cass City High School and a lifelong resident of Tuscola County. He was employed at Saginaw Steering Gear. Nicholas enlisted in the United States Marine Corps until he received a hardship discharge to assist his family. He worked for Sargent Sand and Gravel doing roadwork after his return from the service. From 1971 until

his retirement in 1999, he was a delivery driver for UPS. He was a member of M.A.R.C., the Ellington Church of the Nazarene, and Mid-Michigan Emmaus Board.

Nicholas is survived by his wife, Linda; two daughters: Shelley Lynn (Greg) Erla of Metamora and Melissa Miron of Grand Blanc; several grandchildren; a step-son, Jim (Leeza) Bacon of Midland; 2 step-grandchildren; his mother, Martha "Margie" Nicholas of Cass City; siblings: Judy (Larry) Merchant, Dan Nicholas, Mary (Richard) Tate, all of Cass City, Ken (Sally) Nicholas of Bad Axe, Rose (Jim) Apley, Terry (Melanie) Nicholas and Paul Nicholas, all of Cass City; his mother-in-law, Mary Mott; brothers-in-law: Tim (Brenda) Mott and Gary (Judy) Mott, all of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Floyd; and a brother, Eugene Nicholas.

Cremation has taken place. Funeral services were held Monday, March 26, at the Ellington Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Ron Comfort officiating.

Military honors were directed by the Caro VFW Post #4164.

Memorials may be made to the Ellington Church of the Nazarene Building Fund.

Funeral arrangements were made by Collon Funeral Home, Caro.

Dolores Stimpfel

Dolores H. Stimpfel, 99, of Ruth, died Sunday, March 18, 2007 at Courtney Manor in Bad Axe.

She was born Sept. 24, 1907 in Minden City, the daughter of the late Anthony and Anna (Jebroski) Sadro.

She married Arnold Stimpfel Sept. 24, 1934 at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. He died Aug. 28, 1971.

Stimpfel was a graduate of a country school. She and her family farmed near Charleston until moving to Ruth in 1972. Stimpfel worked as a waitress at the Minden City Tavern. She was a former parishioner at St. John Catholic Church in Forestville and a current parishioner at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth. She was an honorary member of the Christian Mothers. She was a member of the Minden City Senior Citizens and the Faith Grange Farm Organization.

Stimpfel is survived by a daughter, Judy Kolomak of Minden City; a son, Thomas (Doris) Stimpfel of Cass City; a son-in-law, John Terbrack of Southgate; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Stimpfel; a daughter, Donna Terbrack; a son-in-law, Gary Kolomak; 5 brothers: Frank, Edward, Herbert, George and Mark Sadro; and 2 sisters: Margaret and Sylvia Block.

Funeral mass was held Thursday, March 22, at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Ruth with the Rev. Jerzy Dobosz, pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Parisville, officiating.

Burial was in the St. John Cemetery in Forestville.

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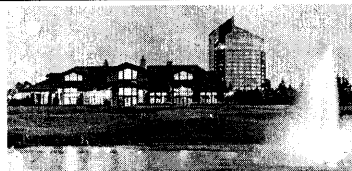
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THE MATH WINNERS are (from left) Nick Tallman of North Branch (first), Mike Schwind of Sandusky (second), Ben MacGown of Cass City (third) and Justin Thompson of Deckerville (fourth).



THE LANGUAGE Arts winners are (from left) Mike Schwind of Sandusky (first), Jennifer Norton of Peck (second), Lysa Knight of Cass City (third) and Adam Kranz, also of Cass City (fourth).

O-G Honor Roll

Owen-Gage school officials announce the second marking period honor roll.

Grade 3

Renee Casey, Daniel Good, Andrew Muntz and Jacob Wright.

Grade 4

Sid Bencheck, Joey Littlepage, Andrea McCreedy*, Rachel Mroz* and Adam Retford*.

Grade 5

Benjamin Good*, Stephen Rockefeller, Richelle Scharf and Quinn Smith.

Grade 6

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Grade 7

Hunter Champagne, Christin Harris, Erika Mroz*, Amanda Muntz*, Lacie Prich* and Carli Warack.

Grade 8

Holly Errer, Megan McLaren, Dylan Powell and Clyde Rhodes.

Grade 9

Amanda Franzel, Devin Prich*, Kelsey Quick*, Ashley Rockefeller, Christine Schmidt*, Carin Seibel* and Erin Seibel.

Grade 10

Derek Bucholtz, Stacie Dorsch, Drew Howard, Alisha Kovach, Sara Lesoski, April Miller, Cole Mroz and Katie Rhodes*.

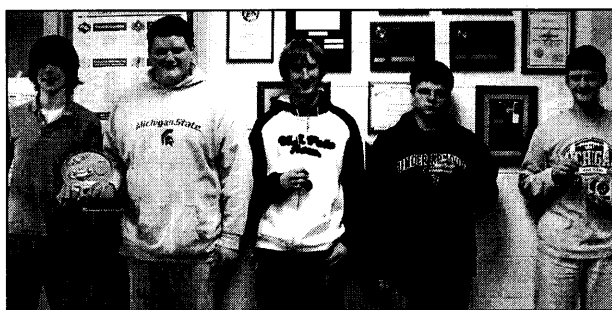
Grade 11

Kenneth Brown, Kevin Bucholtz, Bethany Kovach, Courtney Lester, James Lyman, Kayla Neal, April Nowaczyk, Brittany Parks, Joshua Starks, Joshua Volk and Matthew Volk.

Grade 12

Grant Champagne, Heather Collon, Mindy Errer*, Rose Faupel, Kendra Guilds, Joshua Howard, Joshua McLaren*, Amber Pillsbury* and Becky Schmidt*.

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Grand champions...

THE THUMB AREA Quiz Bowl League Tournament of Champions "grand champions" are (from left) John Schoettle of Bad Axe (tie), Bob Irland of Sandusky (tie), Mike Schwind of Sandusky (second runner-up), Ben Taylor of Marlette (third runner-up) and Ben MacGown of Cass City (fourth runner-up).



THE SCIENCE WINNERS are (from left) Andrew Deering of Cass City (first), Ben Taylor of Marlette (second), Aaron Schroeder of North Branch (third) and Justin Thompson of Deckerville (fourth).

Children's Fun Fair set April 21

Celebrate spring with a day of family fun. The ninth annual Children's Fun Fair will be Saturday, April 21, at the Highland Pine School on Cleaver Road in Caro, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Early On of Tuscola County coordinates and sponsors the event.

Free admission includes balloons, gift bags, refreshments and door prizes, and each child will receive a book to keep. Back by popular demand is the free child I.D. station. Parents will have the opportunity to have their child fingerprinted and their picture taken to put in a folder that contains vital information about the child.

There will be several things happening throughout the day to entertain the family.

Ronald McDonald will be on hand to visit with the children. Several booths will be set up in the gym offering games and art activities for the children and information about local services for the adults. Lori Kilmer will be doing several Musical Discovery performances throughout the day. The cafeteria will also be serving free refreshments all day.

Every year the fair continues to grow. Families can come relax, have fun and gather information about service agencies in Tuscola County.

The Fun Fair is sponsored every year by local businesses and agencies that help with gift bags, door prizes, and activity and informational booths.

If you are interested in helping to support this worthwhile family event or would like more information about it, call Early On at (989) 673-5200 (ext. 373 or 445).

Local students shine at Quiz Bowl tournament

The sixth annual Thumb Area Quiz Bowl League (TAQBL) Tournament of Champions was held at the Sanilac Career Center March 15, with more than 100 students qualifying by taking pretests in order to compete for top honors by grade level and in subject areas.

With 112 students competing, Bad Axe's John Schoettle and Sandusky's Bob Irland tied as "Champion of Champions" as both earned 2 first-place awards and a third-place award. Schoettle and Irland will both receive a college scholarship from the TAQBL for their performance and were recognized for their academic success.

Schoettle won first place honors amongst 14 finalists in the junior and the current events categories and third place in social studies. Schoettle is a junior at Bad Axe High School. Irland, a sophomore at Sandusky High School, earned first-place finishes in social studies and amongst sophomores. He also placed third in current events.

Other top students included Andrew Deering (Cass City), who won first place in science; Mike Schwind (Sandusky), who took the first-place award in language arts and was the runner-up in math; and Ben Taylor

(Marlette) who was the runner-up in science, third place winner among sophomores and fourth place winner in social studies. Cass City's Ben MacGown was the fourth runner-up in the event with a third place win in math and as runner-up among juniors. Jacob Ballard of Cass City was the third place winner among freshmen.

Kingston High School's Mitchell Gomez was the top senior in the league this year, with Josh MuCurley of Peck as runner-up, Lysa Knight (Cass City) third place, and Jeremy Essad (Sandusky) as the fourth place winner. Knight was also the third place winner among the Class of 2007 quiz bowl students.

Other winners at the Tournament of Champions included Nick Tallman of North Branch in math, and Andrew Deering of Cass City in science. Cass City's Adam Kranz was the fourth place winner among juniors and in language arts this year.

Teams from Bad Axe, Marlette, Cass City, Sandusky, Kingston, North Branch and Dryden have all qualified by winning a tournament in the 2006-2007 seasons of the TAQBL and will compete in the state of Michigan Quiz Bowl Championship at Michigan State University (MSU) in April.

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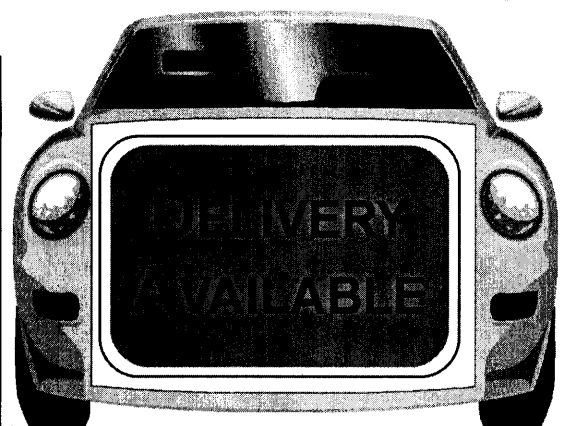
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front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

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

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

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

Dated: March 28, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Dated: March 21, 2007

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

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

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

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

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Dated: March 14, 2007

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on April 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 Alder Street in the Village of Caro, Michigan, 4 Rods; thence West 10 Rods; thence North 4 Rods; thence East 10 Rods to beginning.

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Dated: March 14, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 28, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 21, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by JOAN FACKLER, a single woman, of 9158 Willits Road, Mayville, Michigan 48744, Mortgagor, to OXFORD BANK MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, 60 South Washington, Oxford, Michigan 48371, Mortgagee, dated the 21st day of May 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 4th day of June 2003, in Instrument No. 200300832373 (Liber 934, Page 287) of Tuscola County Records, and a Modification of Mortgage dated February 14, 2006 and recorded with the Tuscola County Register of Deeds on February 16, 2006 in Instrument No. 200600877670 (Liber 1072, Page 69), on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, as of the date of this notice, the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE AND 96/100 DOLLARS (\$23,629.96). Interest continues to accrue at the rate of seven and one-half percent (7.5%) percent per annum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 28, 2007

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Letters to the Editor

Cass City PTO looking for more citizen involvement

My Name is Sloane Stimpfel, president of the Cass City Red Hawk PTO. I am writing to anyone and everyone that has a child (niece, nephew, grandchild) in the Cass City School District.

There has been some slight misconception on the purpose of this wonderful PTO. I am writing to clear some things up. One, we are not here to bash the school but to help. We are not here to hit everyone with fundraisers that drain our checkbooks but stock our miscellaneous cupboard. We are glad to say we are here to support our teachers, staff, children and our community.

Yes, in order to operate and help out the school, we are and will be doing fundraisers, but these will be family fun days. So far, we did 2 spaghetti dinners and an i-Pod raffle, just to get us started, and on March 16 a scrap booking event. Our future events I am excited to tell you are some wonderful family fun events and helping our community.

On Friday, April 27, we are having a family movie night it will be at Rawson Memorial Library. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the movie will start at 6:30 p.m. The movie showing is Night at the Museum (rating is PG). I stress this is not a night to drop your child off (that will not be allowed) but a fun event of getting to know other parents and our kids.

We would love you to bring a blanket, pillow, and if you choose, you may wear your PJs. There will be no chairs—we're just going to spread out on the floor and have a great evening. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided, there is no cover charge. There will be a donation can, but it is not necessary. We would love to see you there.

Our next project does not benefit the PTO but does benefit our community and our spirits. The PTO will be scheduling a day in May for a Stoplight Lunch. Yes, we will be scheduling people from the PTO and our community to stand by the light on a Friday with our lunch buckets and all donations will go to the lunch program to help the families in need. No, it will not go into the schools funds; Shari Bock has opened a special account at Thumb National Bank for our reduced lunch program. For assistance or more information you may contact Shari at (989) 872-5729.

It will help our kids in need, these are families that are working and qualify for reduced lunch. These families do not qualify for food stamps or free lunch because they are working. Many are working at lower income jobs and just are not able to make ends meet. Many times there is just not enough money to pay for everything.

If you are interested in getting an hour to stand, please contact me 872-4825. Help us take care of our family and kids in this community. Also, if you belong to any organization that already have dates scheduled to stand at the light, please contact me so we don't interfere with your dates. We are also working on a spring carnival and could use some help in planning. The PTO will be putting on the 8th grade graduation dinner and the finances are being donated by the AAUW.

We hope to be doing some summer concessions during our town-wide events, and are planning a used book fair in the fall for our school children. The PTO has also taken over the middle school yearbook for next year. If you are a student in the middle school and would like to help, we would love to have you join us.

We also have a website now; it is off of the school's, I am continuously updating it so please take the time to see what's new and were help is needed. The Gavel and Rotary Club have been very supportive in helping us get started financially and we are extremely grateful. Our next meeting is Monday, April 12, at Rawson Memorial Library at 7 p.m. All meetings will be posted on the electric sign up town and in the Cass City Chronicle in the calendar of events.

Anyone wanting to help or just want to know what we're up to we would love to see you at a meeting, or visit our website or email me at sloanes@localnet.com, or call 872-4825. The support so far has been a blessing and we are all extremely grateful. Sloane Stimpfel Cass City

Red Cross lauds Rauch

What's a hero? Like art, heroism is in the eye of the beholder. You know a hero when you see one.

At the American Red Cross, we are fortunate to see heroes every day. They are volunteers who are willing to leave their homes whenever the call comes to make sure a local family who has lost their home to a fire have a place to sleep tonight, and clothes to wear and food to eat tomorrow. They are people who trained in their free time so they can volunteer to set up shelters here or halfway across the country in the wake of a major disaster.

We think people who learn how to save lives through first aid and CPR are heroes, as are the people who teach them those skills, and our community is a safer place because of them. A heroic act also takes place each time someone rolls up their sleeve to give blood, or takes out a pen to write a check to support the work of the American Red Cross.

The East Shoreline Chapter is proud to recognize Maegan Rauch of

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 21, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default 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 to Flagstar Bank, Flagstar Mortgage, Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, Flagstar dated the 18th day of November, A.D. 2004, 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.

Tax ID: 019-012-150-3600-00

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: March 7, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 21, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis M. Haslett and Lisa R. Haslett, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Chase Bank USA, N.A., Mortgagee, dated September 30, 2005 and recorded on October 20, 2005 in Liber 1058 on Page 795 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-One and 21/100 Dollars (\$187,771.21), including interest at 7.975% per annum.

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

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

The West 1/2 of the following described property, to-wit: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 32, Town 13 North, Range 9 East described as beginning at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 32; thence along the North line of said Section 32, West 500.00 feet; thence parallel to the North and South 1/4 line of Section 32, South 00 degrees 01 minutes 15 seconds West, 700.00 feet; thence East 500.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 01 minutes 15 seconds East, 700.00 feet to the North 1/4 corner of Section 32 and the point beginning.

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

Dated: March 21, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Don Mayer, a married man, original mortgagor, to PIT 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 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 12, 2007.

Said premises are located in the City of 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.

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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 12, 2007.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Commencing at the Southeast corner of a parcel of

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

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

Dated: March 14, 2007

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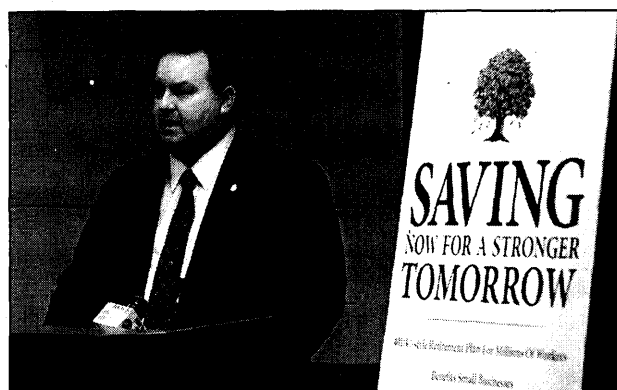
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Terry W. Craig and Renate G. Craig, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated February 23, 2005 and recorded on April 21, 2005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

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

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

Commencing at a point on the Section line 1225.00 feet North of the Southwest corner of Section 23, Town 12 North, Range 89 East; thence 330.00 feet at right angles to the West line of said Section 23, North 508.44 feet parallel to the West line



STATE REP. TERRY Brown (D-Pigeon) recently announced a plan that will offer 401(k)-style retirement plans to employees in small businesses, opening the door to a secure retirement for millions of Michigan workers.

Brown announces retirement plan

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) recently announced a plan that will offer 401(k)-style retirement plans to employees in small businesses, opening the door to a secure retirement for millions of Michigan workers. The House proposal is scheduled to get a hearing in committee this week.

"Our workers are Michigan's most valuable asset, and too many are being left behind in their golden years," Brown said. "We should make sure all workers have access to the tools they need to build a good life for themselves and their families, including a 401(k). This plan gives every Michigan worker the opportunity to save now for the secure retirement that they deserve."

Under the plan, the state will work with a private retirement investment planner to set up a 401(k)-style retirement plan and open it to all businesses, including those with as few as one employee. The private company will manage the retirement plan, much like the state of Michigan's own 401(k) plan. Businesses can choose to participate and can match employee contributions if they wish. The accounts will follow employees

when they leave their jobs to work elsewhere in Michigan.

Currently, 4 in 10 workers say they aren't saving for retirement and 90 percent of Americans say they have financial concerns about their retirement. While a comfortable retirement requires 70 percent of pre-retirement income, Social Security provides only 40 percent of that income.

"I want the Thumb to become a magnet for small businesses—a place where people can feel good about starting a business that can provide for their families and their employees' families," Brown said. "Many small business owners view their employees as extended families, and they want to do right by them. This plan enables them to do that."

The Office of Retirement Services estimates that about 2 million people will participate in the plan. The only cost to the state is the estimated start-up cost of \$559,000, which it will recoup within 5 years.

"People who work hard and play by the rules deserve a secure retirement that no one can take away," Brown said. "This is the right thing to do for our workers and our families."

Violations will cost Sanilac dairy \$12,000

Waste storage violations will cost a small Deckerville dairy operation \$12,000 in fines and enforcement costs.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) officials announced last week that they have settled an enforcement action involving the Van Vliet Dairy. The action arose after DEQ officials received reports that Big Creek was contaminated with manure, and staff members discovered that the source of manure and other agricultural waste was from a waste storage facility at the Sanilac County dairy.

"The Van Vliet family had previously arranged to have a local excavator build a new storage structure for the dairy's waste," said Pat Watson, department spokeswoman. "The facility owner failed to ensure that all subsurface field tiles were properly removed prior to using the

new structure in late May 2006. A tile outlet was overlooked and conveyed a large amount of waste to Big Creek, resulting in over 7 miles of creek and the near-shore area of Lake Huron becoming contaminated."

Once they were aware of the spill, the Van Vliets began pumping manure from their new storage structure to the old structure, located the subsurface tile and disconnected it from the new storage structure, Watson said.

Under the settlement, the Van Vliets agree to produce a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan for their dairy, and they have hired an engineer to certify that the new waste storage system meets Natural Resources Conservation Service standards. The Van Vliets also agreed to pay a \$10,000 civil fine and reimburse the state for \$2,000 in enforcement costs.



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Board's review favorable

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Afterwards, the board voted to allow both students to continue attending classes under the district's "one point" rule, meaning further violations will result in their expulsions.

Turning to other matters, the board revisited a proposed increase in the rate structure for renting school buildings.

Wilson recommended, and the board approved, an across-the-board hike of 50 percent. For example, the charge of \$6 per hour to rent the elementary school cafeteria will now be \$9 per hour.

The proposal was not based on a desire to make money, but rather to cover the district's costs, including custodial services, according to Wilson. It's been 16 years since school officials addressed rental fees, while the cost of living has increased about 3 percent annually during that same period, he said.

"What's happening is, we're getting more and more groups (renting buildings) that are for-profit. This will bring our rates more in line with other districts in the area, especially for the for-profit groups," he added.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business Monday, the board:

- Heard a proposal from Jim Berry of American OutPut, Imlay City, regarding a lease/replacement agreement for the district's copiers and related office equipment.

The proposal came at the request of Wilson, who noted he had asked Lyle Severance, technology coordinator, to evaluate the schools' copiers, printers, scanners and fax technology, and then solicit proposals to streamline the purchase/lease and maintenance of equipment in the future.

Berry presented a 5-year lease-to-own agreement in which all such equipment would be replaced and maintained in the district at the same cost school officials are paying now. He pointed out, however, that his proposal would expand the technology applications available to the staff, and would result in significant savings in areas such as paper, as the equipment will be printing 2-sided, rather than just one-sided copies. Berry said his company would provide maintenance and training. He did not specify the cost of the proposed contract.

The board agreed to consider the proposal and take action at a future meeting.

- Heard a trio of proposed high school policy changes presented by high school Principal Chad Daniels. Those changes include a revision to graduation requirements to reflect the school's new 7-period day. Students must now earn 22 credits, which will gradually increase, from 23 credits for

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last week's incident came 6 years after a similar incident that left a Tuscola County Sheriff's deputy critically injured when he was shot in the head. He recovered and later returned to the department.

Although officers don't run into that sort of situation often in this area, Lautner indicated Horn was prepared. By all accounts, he said, Horn, an 11-year veteran of the state police and a certified firearms instructor, followed the correct procedures.

"You can say some of it is luck, but there's a lot of pre-planning and training that goes into an incident like this," Lautner said. "It's just a situation that you plan for with firearms training and mental preparedness." Still, he acknowledged, "You think about it, but until that gunshot goes off, you really don't know how you're going to react."

Lautner said last week's shooting is "certainly a wake-up call to the police and everyone else, especially those who don't think it can happen here."

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Stroke

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such as when tests must be done in another part of the hospital. "The robot goes to the patient — we're finding that to be really important."

Jones said the wireless robots each cost about \$175,000 and weigh 225 pounds. Their maneuverability is due to 3 rolling balls under the base that enable them to move effortlessly in all directions. The robots are powered by 2 automotive batteries, with 6 to 8 hours of service on each charge. He said they have a top speed of about 3 miles per hour — enough to open a set of double doors on their own.

Jones and Parliament said this consultative approach not only provides access to specialty care, it also reduces the need for travel and unnecessary patient transfers, and improves the prognosis for patients being treated for stroke, whether they remain at the local hospital for treatment, or are deemed in need of more specialized care at another facility.

Hospital officials echoed that assessment. "Being a part of the stroke network allows us to keep our patients at home without compromising the quality of their care," said hospital spokeswoman Jean Anthony. "With the new technology available, we're able to provide innovative and high quality clinical solutions that formerly were available in very few urban settings."

The robots now in use at Hills and Dales and other partner hospitals are being donated by St. Joseph Mercy Oakland through its membership with Trinity Health, Novi, which is the country's fourth largest Catholic health care system.

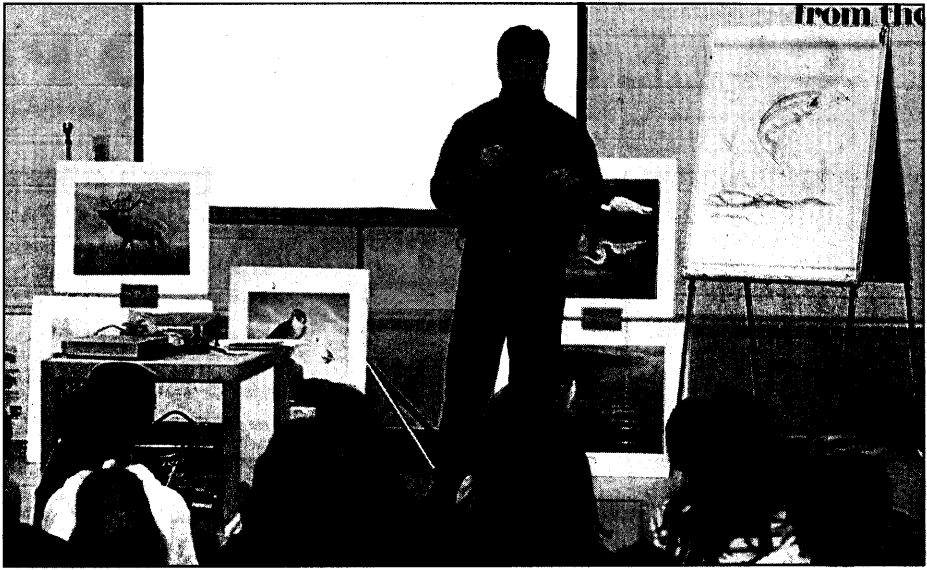
Police nab 4 more suspects

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weeks, according to the sheriff, who said he and Gaertner had been working closely since December 2005 in an effort to put a dent in drug trafficking.

"As a result," he said at the time, "Gaertner has issued 26 felony and misdemeanor warrants for 12 men and 7 women, all from Huron County."

Huron County residents are encouraged to report any suspected drug activity by calling the Huron County Sheriff's Department and asking for the detectives' bureau at (989) 269-6500. Residents can also provide tips anonymously by calling (989) 269-2861.



MICHIGAN ILLUSTRATOR Michael Glenn Monroe shared his artistic talent and techniques with students at Campbell Elementary School during a visit to Cass City last week.

Sugar loan now extended

Gov. Jennifer Granholm last week signed Senate Bill 14 introduced by Sen. Jim Barcia and passed by the Senate in February.

The bill extends the payment structure on the balance of a \$5 million dollar loan granted to Michigan Sugar Company by the state of Michigan in 2002, from five years to 10 years.

Barcia, who attended the signing of the bill, stated, "By extending out these payments until 2012, Michigan Sugar can take critical steps towards avoiding the kinds of losses that not only hurt farmers' bottom lines, but negatively impacted tax revenue to the state. The bill also demonstrates the kinds of partnerships with the agricultural community that we will need to aggressively pursue as we continue to transition our economy."

A similar bill, HB 4108, was introduced by Rep. Jeff Mayers and was passed by the House last week.

The loan extension allows Michigan Sugar Company the opportunity to invest in a large scale automated ventilation system for beet storage piles. In the early part of 2005, Michigan Sugar Company lost approximately \$30 million as a result of unusually warm weather conditions, which caused severe deterioration of stored beets before they could be processed.

In the fall of 2005, and again in 2006, the cooperative installed automated ventilation systems on a small scale at the Bay City and Sebewaing pile storage sites. The new technology on the 2 test sites proved to be very successful. Michigan Sugar Com-

pany intends to invest up to \$4 million over the next few years in an effort to eliminate the type of large-scale losses experienced in 2005. The state awarded Michigan Sugar Company a \$250,000 grant in October of last year in connection with this new ventilation technology.

Mark Flegenheimer, president and CEO of Michigan Sugar Company, stated, "We cannot thank Gov. Granholm enough, as well as Sen. Barcia, Rep. Mayes and all of the legislators who supported the loan extension. The passage of this legislation was a bipartisan effort by those who recognize the positive impact that the co-op has in the 20 counties in which sugarbeets are grown and the communities in which our factories are located."

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