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## Brown caught in Internet chat sting

Authorities say a Cass City man who thought he was arranging a sexual encounter with a 15-year-old girl while chatting online recently was actually talking to an undercover agent.

Now, he's facing the possibility of spending several years in prison.

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox last week announced the arrest of Timothy Ronald Brown, 50, of Cass City, for using the Internet to arrange a sexual encounter with a minor. He was taken into custody Tuesday in Novi.

Cox also announced the arrest of a San Antonio, Texas, man for using the Internet to commit child sexually abusive activity.

"Today, the attorney general's office is literally demonstrating the long arm of the law," Cox stated in a news release issued last Wednesday. "We will go wherever it takes to protect Michigan's youth and arrest Internet predators who threaten our children."

Special investigators from the attorney general's office arrested Brown. Cass City police assisted them in executing a search warrant last Tuesday at the man's Church Street residence.

While chatting online with who he thought was a 15-year-old girl that he met in a chatroom, Brown allegedly engaged in graphic sexual conversation with an undercover agent and propositioned the agent, who was posing as a teen girl, to meet him for sex, Cox said.

Brown was arraigned last week in Novi 52-1 District Court before Magistrate Judith A. Holtz on one count of child sexually abusive activity, a 20-year felony; and on one count of using the Internet to commit child sexually abusive activity, also a 20-year felony. He was also charged with 2 counts of using the Internet to disseminate sexually explicit material to a minor, another felony punishable by up to 4 years in prison.

Holtz set Brown's bond at \$150,000 cash, and he will be back in court for a preliminary examination scheduled for Wednesday, March 4.

In the Texas case, Cox said investigators from his office, working jointly with U.S. Postal inspectors, charged Douglas Arthur Peterson, 64, of San Antonio, Feb. 8.

The arrest was the result of an investigation of Peterson using the Internet to target a minor in Michigan for the purpose of sexual exploitation. The minor was actually a Michigan Attorney General investigator posing as a minor.

Peterson was arraigned in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas on federal charges of enticing a child for immoral purposes, a felony with a mandatory minimum penalty of 15 years in prison. He was released on a \$50,000 bond.

Peterson is also facing arraignment on several charges in Michigan. He will be charged with 2 counts of child sexually abusive activity, 2 counts of using a computer to commit child sexually abusive activity, one count of using a computer to accost and solicit a child for immoral purposes (a 10-year felony), and one count of using a computer to disseminate sexually explicit matter to a minor (a 4-year felony).

Cox urged all parents to keep a close eye on their children's activities while online.

"Parents are encouraged to check their children's 'buddy lists' for the screen names of Brown and Peterson," he said. "Brown used the Yahoo screen name 'thumbuguy' and Peterson used the screen name 'dooby\_316'.

Parents who believe their child had contact with either Brown or Peterson, are asked to contact the attorney general's office at (313) 456-0180.

Cox noted that criminal charges are accusations, and that the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless they are proven guilty.

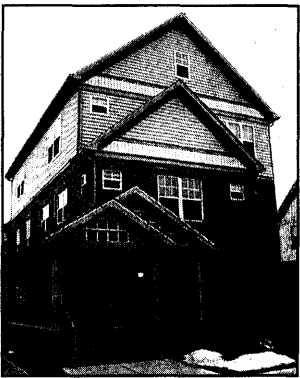
The 2 recent cases mark the 123rd and 124th arrests of alleged sexual predators by Cox's Child and Public Protection Unit since its restructuring.

Cox encourages parents to visit the website, [www.gov/ag](http://www.gov/ag) for tips on safe Internet use for children. Citizens can also report suspected Internet child predators via the Report Internet Abuses Against Children link or by calling the Child and Public Protection Unit at (313) 456-0180.

## Roes excited about apartment building

One step at a time.

Major downtown improvements in small towns, including Cass City,



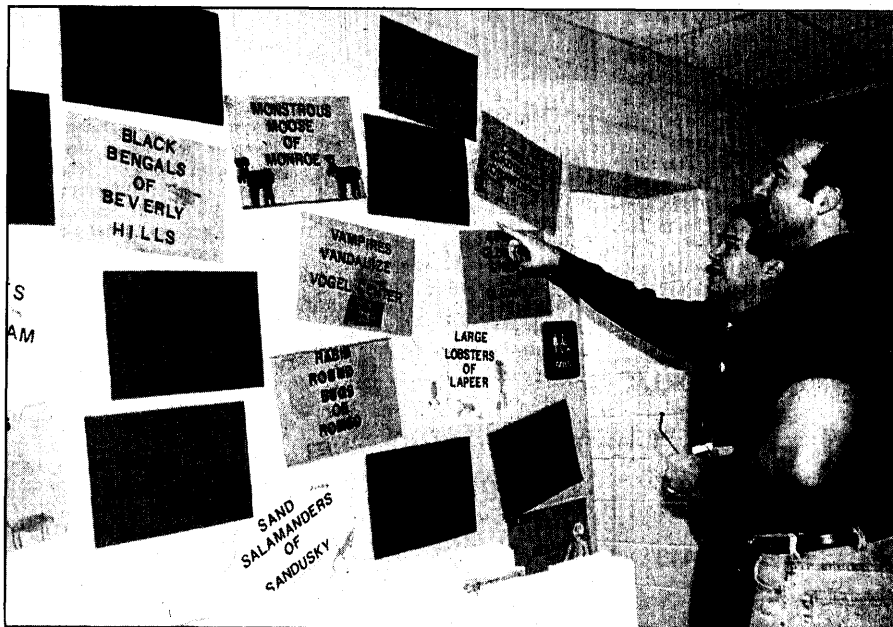
**THIS PHOTO shows what  
the new apartment building  
will look like.**

don't happen overnight, but Complete Concrete owners Charlie and Stefanie Roe figure their contribution to the cause locally will be taking shape in a matter of weeks.

After completing demolition of 2 buildings at 6529 Main St. and 6531 Main St., directly west of the Copeland Gornowicz Insurance Agency Inc. building in Cass City, the couple are now setting their sights on completing the clean-up and pouring a new foundation for an apartment building.

Stefanie Roe said the development will be called Village Center Townhomes and will feature 3, possibly 4 apartments. "They're going to each be 1,300 square feet. Each unit is 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms," she said, noting plans at this point call for a one-story unit and a pair of 2-story units. "The (building) should be set in the beginning of April, so the basement we're going to start this

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**KINGSTON ELEMENTARY School teacher Lane Walker (left) acquaints Michigan Author Johnathan Rand with the students' work leading up to Rand's visit last week, including examples of the students' own "chiller" book titles.**

## Awesome author

**Popular writer Johnathan Rand  
shares love of language with kids**

by Tom Montgomery  
Editor

Lane Walker had high hopes after successfully writing a grant to bring noted Michigan Author Johnathan Rand to Kingston Elementary School, where Walker is a fourth grade teacher. Walker wasn't disappointed.

"The entire staff helped make our author day a reality," Walker said following Rand's visit last Wednesday.

in last year but couldn't afford it," Walker said of Rand, who writes "American Chillers" and "Michigan Chillers" books and has sold more than 5 million copies worldwide.

"The best attribute to Rand and his books is that they not only motivate kids who love to read, but also kids that can't seem to find a book that catches their attention. There are countless stories in our school about

staff in Kingston following his visit.

"I was literally blown away by the enthusiasm and excitement at Kingston Elementary," Rand said. "Not only was I thrilled to have the day named in my honor, but it was really awesome to see kids so fired up about reading and writing."

"The many students I spoke to were polite, energetic and genuinely enthused and proud of their work," Rand added. "There are some really great people guiding these exceptional, eager-to-learn kids. Kingston Elementary is a model school for Michigan, setting a terrific example of how education can be fun and rewarding."

"One of the hardest aspects of reading is keeping students interested in finding a book that intrigues their imagination," Walker said.

"In today's world with video games and high-tech toys, reading isn't a priority anymore," he added. "I think our students will have a totally different viewpoint on reading after Rand's visit."

*"I was literally blown away by  
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—Author Johnathan Rand

"At Kingston Elementary, everything is kid-centered. We want our students to be inspired and have a passion for reading and writing," he said. "Rand delivered a one-of-a-kind assembly and spent the rest of the afternoon speaking to individual classrooms."

"Rand and his wife were down to earth and showed an authentic interest in students. He went out of his way to make each kid feel important and inspired to read," Walker added. "We put a lot of time into his visit. Even though he visits hundreds of schools a year, we wanted Kingston Elementary to stand out."

Last week's program, entitled "Writing and Rand; Hand to Hand", was made possible through a Meemic Foundation grant.

Walker's grant application was good enough to beat out a couple hundred other applications submitted by educators across the state. The grant totaled \$2,250, and Independent Bank of Kingston and the Kingston PTO kicked in another \$200.

"Students are in love with (his) books. We really wanted to bring him

kids that have found their niche by reading 'Michigan and American Chillers'," Walker said.

Rand had some equally complimentary comments for the students and



**RAND SPOKE TO a full house at Kingston Elementary School as he shared his love of writing with the students. The day-long program featuring the popular author of the "American Chillers" and "Michigan Chillers" book series was funded by a Meemic Foundation grant.**

## Athletics, election dominate O-G meet

Issues involving athletics and a proposed switch to holding school elections every other year dominated a monthly Owen-Gage Board of Education meeting last week.

A court ruling forcing Michigan schools to realign girls' and boys' athletic seasons, stemming from a lawsuit contending that the current seasons are discriminatory against the girls' teams, has raised some dicey questions, including the potential for problems with athletes of both sexes using the same locker rooms on the same nights.

The board addressed that issue when Owen-Gage Athletic Director Jason Pierce asked the board for guidance in an upcoming vote of area athletic directors regarding how to comply with the new rules.

Pierce presented a pair of proposals under consideration by the athletic directors, noting a final decision on the new rules is expected in April. Those rules would require schools to move girls' basketball seasons to the winter, to coincide with the boys' seasons. Volleyball, meanwhile, would become a fall season.

Under the first proposal, Pierce said, girls' basketball teams would play in the winter along with the boys' teams, with the varsity teams playing on Tuesday and Friday nights, and the JV teams on Mondays and Thursdays. The other proposal would have the varsity girls' and boys' teams taking turns in alternate years playing on Tuesday and Friday nights.

Pierce acknowledged that with both the girls' and boys' teams playing on the same night and using the same locker rooms, there is the potential for an athlete to inadvertently enter a locker room being used by a team of the opposite sex.

The board indicated it favors the

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## Argyle man nabbed after fleeing police

Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies chased down and arrested an Argyle man after responding to a domestic violence call Thursday night.

Sgt. Brad Roff reported Sanilac County Central Dispatch received a call at about 10 p.m. stating that a 35-year-old Argyle man was trying to get into a residence in the 2500 block of West Shabbona Road to assault his girlfriend.

"Deputies Otto Kutach and Matt Armstrong responded to the scene. As deputies were en route, they were advised that the suspect fled the scene in a white Chevy Lumina," Roff said.

"Deputies spotted the suspect vehicle in the area of Ubyly and Vatter roads and a brief chase occurred when the suspect refused to stop for police," he said. "The chase ended when the suspect pulled into a private yard in the 2500 block of Mushroom Road and proceeded to flee on foot. After giving chase in the snow and rain, deputies apprehended the male suspect near a building in an adjacent field."

The suspect was transported to the Sanilac County Jail, where he is being held on bond pending arraignment on charges of felony fleeing and eluding and operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated as well as multiple misdemeanor charges.

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The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski Thursday evening. Clarence and Leona Depcinski were guests at the meeting. After the meeting, cards were played and high prizes were won by Leona Depcinski and Joe Wolschlager. Low prizes were won by Josephine Wolschlager and Clarence Depcinski. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Heleski March 15. The hostess served a lunch.

Wendy Rickett spent Monday evening with Mrs. Curtis Cleland. Bill Ballagh of Dexter visited Mrs. Harold Ballagh before spending a few days with Jim Ballagh.

Mrs. Martin Sweeney and Brian, Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz and Mrs. Ray Depcinski visited Thelma Jackson Tuesday.

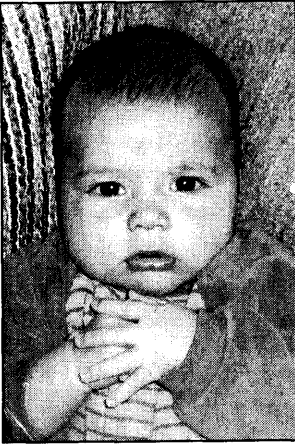
Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, son Eric and friend Karn, Mrs. Mark Swanson, Kyle, Nick and Erica, Elise Nicol, Mrs. Harold Ballagh, Mr. and Mrs. Marc Hill and Tyler and Kate of Pigeon, spent the weekend in Big Rapids.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Holdwick of Ruth Monday evening, Stanley Heleski Saturday forenoon, Mike Guigar Saturday afternoon, Mike Gucwa of Bad Axe Saturday afternoon, Nancy Carpenter, Jessica and Timothy Carpenter, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Depcinski Friday.

Eleven members of The Traveling Breakfast Club met at Rachel's in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the Coffee Cup Plus in Bad Axe next week.

Mrs. Harold Ballagh and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown had lunch with Mr. and Mrs. Stieg and Loyal of Le Roy at Paris, Mich. Sunday.

It's a boy!



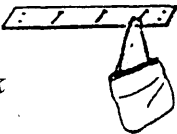
Mason Bradley Gniewek

Brad and Cori Gniewek of Cass City announce the birth of their son, Mason Bradley Gniewek.

Mason was born Nov. 20, 2006 at Covenant. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long.

He was welcomed home by a big sister, Madilyn. His grandparents are Bill and Judy Britt of Cass City, and Stan and Terri Gniewek of Clinton Township.

Meg's Peg



I'm ba-ack

by Melva E. Guinther

On a limited basis - partly because a lot of nice people said they missed my column, and partly because I kept coming across things to write about with no outlet for them.

It's hard to say which is more frustrating, trying to come up with a subject that eludes you against a deadline, or having what you consider a great thought with no where to put it.

After writing for 20 years, it's second nature to make note of potential topics as you come across them. Then the trick is to remember where you put the notes.

Among the good wishes offered upon my "retirement" was a refrigerator magnet with the "Retiree's To-do Schedule: 9-10 Nothing; 10-11 Break; 11-12 Nada; 12-1 Lunch; 1-2 Zip; 2-3 Zero; 3-4 Break; 4-5 Zilch."

Now that might sound ideal to the overworked, but I think the retiree who tries to live by it would become bored in a hurry. People need something to do, a purpose besides watching TV, eating and getting fatter.

Besides (and I know this may alienate a few readers), women retirees don't enjoy the same freedom that men do.

Typically, the female who retires from her day job still has to do the laundry, ironing, cleaning, grocery shopping, cooking, dishes, etc. If the man of the house deigns to lend a hand, he thinks he should get at least a gold star.

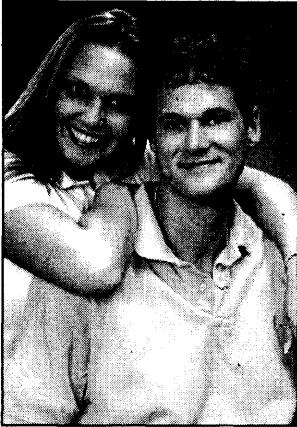
Let's face it, retired or not, men have a much simpler life than women. A friend sent me these examples.

If you're a man:

- \*Three pairs of shoes are more than enough. In fact, one wallet, one pair of shoes, one color, will do for all seasons.
- \*People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.
- \*The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades.
- \*A 5-day vacation requires only one suitcase.
- \*Wrinkles add character.
- \*You can open all your own jars.
- \*You can "do" your nails with a pocketknife.
- \*Your Christmas shopping for 25 relatives takes 25 minutes on Dec. 24.
- \*Car mechanics tell you the truth.
- \*The occasional well-rendered belch is practically expected, even encouraged. (Let Grandma release one of those "natural" sounds and the grandkids go hysterical.)
- \*Your belly usually hides your big hips and it's okay.
- \*The world is your urinal. You never have to drive to another gas station because this one is just too icky.
- \*You can never be pregnant.
- \*You can wear a white t-shirt to a water park.
- \*You can wear NO shirt to a water park.
- \*You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.
- \*You only have to shave your face and neck.
- \*Growing a moustache is a matter of choice.
- \*You never have strap problems in public.
- \*You automatically know which way to turn a nut on a bolt.
- \*Wedding plans aren't a big concern. Tux rental, \$100; wedding gown, \$5000.
- \*You can play with toys your whole life.

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Lyndsay Lalko and Christopher Smith


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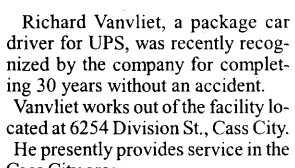
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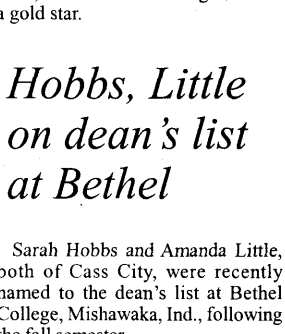
Vanvliet works out of the facility located at 6254 Division St., Cass City. He presently provides service in the Cass City area.

Manager Joe Mooney presented Richard Vanvliet with the 30-year safe driving award, recognizing his achievement.

Vanvliet and his wife, Mary, live in Caseville. They have 4 children: Lindy, Kelli, Bryce and Megan.

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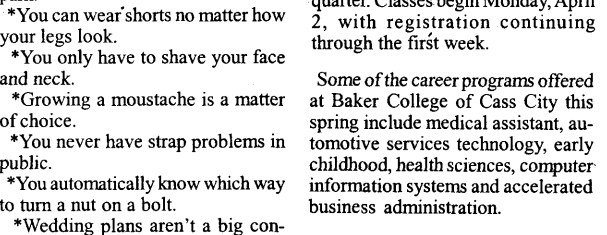
Hobbs, Little  
on dean's list  
at Bethel



Sarah Hobbs and Amanda Little, both of Cass City, were recently named to the dean's list at Bethel College, Mishawaka, Ind., following the fall semester.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average while completing 12 or more credit hours of graded course work.

Baker College  
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Baker College of Cass City, a satellite campus of Baker College of Flint, is now enrolling students for spring quarter. Classes begin Monday, April 2, with registration continuing through the first week.

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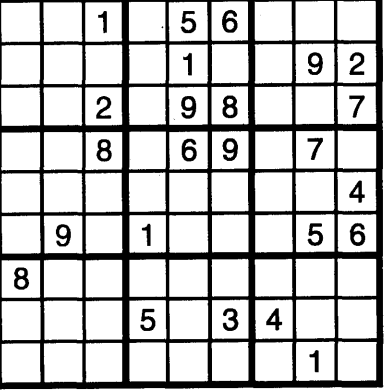
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## Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

With a new professional diamond and a new professional team, it's not surprising that the opening game for the Loons was quickly sold out. Tickets still remain for the 69 home dates that follow.

Is it cynical to feel that the true baseball fans will be in the majority after the ceremonious first game has been played?

Tickets for these games, including the second game of the season at Dow Diamond, April 14, are available at the Loon Loft in Fashion Square Mall, the Loons' office on Main Street in Midland and by phone at 989-837-2255.

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As a yo-yo weight watcher, it is always with admiration and a touch of cynicism that I read of the startling success achieved in the weight-losing derby.

Stories of startling weight loss appear regularly in news stories and in ads for diet programs.

After a couple of years when the successful dieter reaches a desired weight-loss goal, the real test starts. You don't hear much about the long-term results after 5 or 10 years.

Now the advertising for diet programs stress in many incidents that you can have your cake (ice cream, pie and chocolate) and eat it too and still see the pounds melt away.

That brings to mind the ads in days gone by that filters in cigarettes made them more healthful and still full of enjoyment.

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A story in the Mar. 4 Detroit News talked about muskrat dinners available from Kola's Food Factory, 17168 Fort in Riverview. It bought back memories of a rat dinner I attended at a restaurant in Wyandotte. I can't recall the name of the restaurant or the reason for attending as a reporter for the Wyandotte Tribune. After all, this was nearly 60 years ago.

I can remember trying to force down portions of that muskrat, trying to make myself believe, as I was told by everyone at the table, that it tastes like chicken.

Try as I might, about 3 bites was all I could muck. It didn't taste like chicken to me and I believe to this day that anyone that eats a rat and believes it tastes like chicken is a victim of self-hypnosis.

## Break-in suspect pleads

The second of 3 suspects charged in the breaking and entering of a Main Street home in Cass City last fall has entered pleas to 2 felony charges in Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Anna M. Vandercook, 20, of Flint, pleaded no contest to second degree home invasion, which is punishable by up to 15 years in prison and/or a \$3,000 fine, and larceny in a building, which carries a maximum penalty of 4 years in prison and/or a \$5,000 fine.

A plea of no contest is not an admission of guilt, but is treated the same as a guilty plea for the purpose of

sentencing.

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

Vandercook along with Lisa C. Owens, 36, of Burton, and Adrian R. Key Jr., 22, of Flint, were charged in the Oct. 21 break-in at the Dan and Marlene Erla residence, where the trio stole several hundred dollars in cash.

Owens pleaded guilty to home invasion and larceny charges in January. Key's case is still pending.

## Troopers probe fatal crash

Troopers from the Michigan State Police post in Caro investigated a single-car fatal traffic crash on M-25 near Old State Road in Wisner Township early last week.

According to reports, a vehicle driven by 19-year-old Amanda Stein of Bay City lost control of her ve-

hicle while traveling east on M-25 and struck a tree. She was the sole occupant of the vehicle. Troopers said fire fighters had to use the Jaws of Life to remove her from the wreckage.

Stein was transported to Bay Medical Center in Bay City, where she was pronounced dead.

## The Haire Net

*Sex education  
a step forward*



Sex education was slipped into a school board meeting last week that was loaded with controversial items of interest to persons in the Cass City School District.

The top topic was Dave Knight's pitch to allow Doug Burch to participate in the solo and ensemble festival as an accompanist for his daughter.

The board reaffirmed a decision to ban Burch from any school-sponsored event. It was probably a wise decision, although I take issue with board president Michelle Biddinger's stand that the board was not going to answer questions about (questions concerning Burch) that topic.

The school board should be open to discussion concerning any operation of the tax-supported school when queried by a district member. At the very least it should be made clear that the board's decision to ban Burch will remain in force in the foreseeable future, if that is the intention. I feel that an open school board meeting is the place to discuss any item and especially items that have caused a rift in school support.

Sex education at the school is not a new topic. It's been brought up before at least 2 times that I can remember without any formal acceptance. It was a red-hot topic that previous boards backed away from. It's true that a limited amount of sex education has been offered, but never as a sex education class.

It's sure that regardless of the "safeguards" built into the new program,

including stressing abstinence, there will be parents that will want nothing to do with a sex education class. There will be parents that believe that sex education is something that should be taught in the home, not in the school.

The proposed program will be open for public review and parents will have the right to pull their children from the class.

It may be that the third time is the charm and a class inaugurated for the 7th and 8th grades will succeed and then spread to all appropriate age groups.

Television may be one reason that the time is right for sex education in the school. Most of us can remember that television was extra rigid in its programming. Swear words were an absolute no-no. Women were not allowed to wear any blouse that did not cover to the neck. Even actors that played man and wife roles were not allowed to be pictured on or in a bed. Now look at TV today.

With extra due diligence children can be protected from sex on the tube when at home, but it's impossible to obliterate exposure on the tube when they leave home.

That may be the prime reason that sex education will arrive at the school without the protest it created in previous attempts.

If so, it is a step forward.



## The back forty

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by Roger Pond

I hope everyone is ready for daylight savings time. I don't know how we got into this predicament, but setting the clocks forward and backward has become one of the major celebrations of the year.

Now Congress (in all of its wisdom) has decided we can save oil, reduce the use of light bulbs, and improve our golf scores by setting our clocks forward March 11 this year. (Except in Arizona and most of Indiana — where folks are smart enough to leave their clocks alone.)

A New York Times story by Michael Downing recounts the fallacy of taking an hour off one end of the day and tacking it onto the other. Downing is the author of "Spring Forward: The Annual Madness of Daylight Saving Time."

He says the only way daylight savings will save anything is if we all stay in bed until sunrise. That means 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. the first week of November, depending upon where we are in the time zone. Anyone who turns on a light, listens to the radio, or makes coffee before daylight will be considered an unpatriotic energy wastrel.

I can remember when daylight savings time was foisted upon the nation back in the '60s. Farmers went to work in the dark instead of the daylight, milk haulers arrived an hour earlier, and the cows really didn't care what time it was.

People had to leave the fields to attend meetings and school events when there were still two hours of daylight left. We're still doing it, but that doesn't mean it's a good idea. Some were confused by the daylight

savings concept. A county agent told me one lady called his office to ask what effect the extra hour of daylight would have on her garden.

The temptation must have been overwhelming. He probably said, "It won't hurt your vegetables, but you might want to cover the flowers for an hour or so each evening."

Daylight savings has become so firmly ingrained that most of us don't even think about it anymore. Some people do, though.

A farmer told me several years ago, "I think it's the craziest thing for the whole country to set our clocks up so people can go to work an hour earlier. Why can't employers just change their hours?"

He's right, of course, and a few hardy individuals still resist the clock-changing edict. These people say, "If other folks want to change their clocks, it's O.K. with me. I know what time it is."

I tried that philosophy many years ago, but it didn't work. I was home from college and student teaching at a nearby school, when I noticed my mother had the disconcerting habit of setting her clocks 10 minutes fast.

"That's silly," I told her. "Once people know the clocks are 10 minutes fast, they just start leaving 10 minutes later. All a person has to do is pay attention, and they'll get there on time." (College does that to a person.)

Finally, I couldn't stand it any longer. I went around the house and changed all of the clocks to the correct time.

The next morning I got up, packed my lunch, and arrived for work 10 minutes late!

## Calendar of Events

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

### Friday, March 9

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

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

### Monday, March 12

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.

Elkland Township Board meeting, 7 p.m.

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

### Tuesday, March 13

Thumb Octagon Barn meeting, 7 p.m., fire hall in Gagetown. Tuscola County Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Family Support/Education Group meeting, 1:30 p.m., Adult Day Services building, 435 Green St., Caro. For more information, call (989) 672-2273.

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#### 5-Day Local Forecast

**Wednesday**  
Snow Possible  
High: 26 Low: 10

**Thursday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 31 Low: 23

**Friday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 41 Low: 29

**Saturday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 42 Low: 27

**Sunday**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 41 Low: 24

#### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow, high temperature of 26°, humidity of 73% and an overnight low of 10°. The record high temperature for today is 62° set in 1951. The record low is -4° set in 1978. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 31°.

#### Last Week's Local Almanac

Day	High	Low	Normals	Precip
Monday	36	28	32/17	0.00"
Tuesday	34	28	32/17	0.00"
Wednesday	30	25	33/17	0.00"
Thursday	32	25	33/18	0.00"
Friday	34	28	33/18	0.00"
Saturday	30	25	34/18	0.00"
Sunday	30	21	34/19	0.00"

#### Upcoming Moon Phases

Last 3/11 New 3/18 First 3/25 Full 4/2

#### Sunrise/Sunset Times

Sunrise today ..... 6:59 a.m.  
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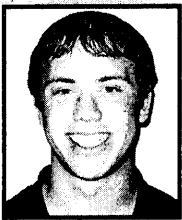
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## Red Hawk Talk

by Kyle Swanson

More than 12 million African children have lost one or both of their parents to HIV/AIDS, and the number is expected to grow to 20 million by 2010. This month, the Cass City High School National Honor Society is holding "A Month of Change" event to raise money for these children in Africa.

Students are encouraged to bring their spare change to school to donate towards the cause. Coffee cans have been set up in each grade at the elementary school, middle school and high school. The change raised will go to help the orphaned children in Africa.

In order to make students more excited about donating their money to a benefit the orphans of HIV/AIDS, the National Honor Society has set the event up as a fun, friendly competition. Each grade will compete against the other grades in their school to see who can raise the most money.

Additionally, each school will compete against the other 2 schools to see who can raise the most change. Students will also receive updates each week to see which grades and schools have brought the most money in so far.

At the end of the event, a winning grade from each school will receive a prize.

The event is scheduled for March 1 to March 31 and was inspired by a global fundraising event conducted by the United Nations HERO campaign and the US Agency for International Development. The program focuses on building awareness and providing funding through comprehensive, school-based support to orphans and vulnerable children living in HIV/AIDS affected communities. Specifically, money will go towards basic care and services - such as food programs, clean water, schooling, health care, crisis support, and infrastructure improvements.

An interesting fact, in many parts of the world children live on less than a dollar a day. It doesn't take a lot of money to make a really big difference. For instance, \$1 will buy lunch every day for a week in Namibia, \$5 will buy 5 school books, \$10 will buy 10 backpacks, and \$25 will pay for an entire year at a private school in South Africa.

Truly a little spare change can go a long way, or as the event slogan goes, "Small Change = Big Change."

I would like to compliment the National Honor Society for its effort to raise awareness of this issue. It certainly seems like a truly worthwhile cause that will benefit a great deal of people in need. I would also like to encourage all students to bring in their spare change for the event.

Any community member who would also like to donate is more than welcome to drop their donation off at the high school.

Good luck to the National Honor Society and hopefully the event will raise a lot of money to benefit the HIV/AIDS orphans of Africa.

# Caro rehab pool hours expanded

Officials at Hills and Dales General Hospital's Center for Rehabilitation in Caro last week announced plans to expand their pool hours this month.

According to Dave Wohl, director of rehabilitation, the swimming pool at the facility, located at 1186 Cleaver Rd., is now offering "lunchtime" sessions.

In addition to the Monday through Friday (5 to 7 a.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.) sessions, the swimming pool is now open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon to 1:30 p.m., Wohl said.

"As with the morning and evening sessions, the locker rooms will open 30 minutes before the session starts, and close 30 minutes after the session ends, so that participants may shower and change clothes if desired," he noted.

The pool use is limited to those individuals who are unable to exercise on "land" due to medically-related disease, disability or condition.

The cost remains at \$25 per month. For more information, stop by the Caro Center for Rehabilitation, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Several appear in circuit court

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

•Deangelo M. Wright, 19, Detroit, pleaded guilty to escaping from a juvenile facility Feb. 8, 2005, in Vassar.

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

•Kenneth D. Krueger, 55, was sentenced to 2 years in prison for his plea of guilty to possession of a firearm by a felon April 7 in Kingston Township. He was sentenced to another 365 days in the county jail for his plea of no contest to operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor July 27 in Novesta Township, and for being an habitual offender (3 or more prior felony convictions).

He was also ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$1,340.

•William O'Brien, 23, Vassar, was sentenced to 24 months probation for his plea of guilty to larceny from a motor vehicle Feb. 3-7 in Vassar.

He was also ordered to pay \$720 in costs and fines plus restitution of \$8,268.02.

•Timothy M. Parker, 27, Saint Clair, pleaded no contest to possession of a controlled substance, subsequent offense, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, and driving while his license was suspended or revoked Sept. 24 in Ellington Township.

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

•Timothy W. Craig, 33, Caro, pleaded guilty to domestic violence, third offense, Dec. 16 in Indianfields Township.

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

•Steven M. Duvernois, 20, Caro, stood mute to charges of aggravated stalking and malicious use of telecommunications services Jan. 16 in Caro.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and bond was set at \$200.

•T.J. W. Maule, 34, Flint, was sentenced to 123 days in jail and 36 months probation for his plea of guilty to failure to pay child support from Nov. 1, 2004, through Nov. 16, 2005, in Caro.

He was also ordered to pay costs and fines totaling \$820 plus restitution of \$16,520.99.

•Chad M. Ellis, also known as Chad M. Houser, 30, Caro, stood mute to charges of unlawfully driving away an automobile, conspiracy to commit unlawfully driving away an automobile, and 2 counts of stealing/retaining a financial transaction device Jan. 22 in Almer Township.

A pre-trial hearing was ordered scheduled and defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department.

•Douglas J. Sloan, 31, Silverwood, pleaded no contest to assault with a dangerous weapon and 2 counts of assaulting a police officer June 25, 2003, in Dayton Township, and guilty to absconding or forfeiting bond Feb. 24, 2004, in Indianfields Township.

A pre-sentence investigation was ordered, bond was set at a combined \$1,000 and the defendant was remanded to the custody of the sheriff's department. Sentencing is to be scheduled.

•John C. Howland, 25, Caro, pleaded guilty to violating the Sex Offenders



## Cardinal ChatBack

by Hannah Strauel

Walking down the hall of my school recently, I noticed that a vending machine stood dark and empty. An average student might have gone crazy and panicked, thinking the school was shutting down the machines one by one.

I later discovered that the machine had been malfunctioning and eating people's money; therefore, the drinks in the machine had been retired. Yet, this reminded me of a recent topic at a student council meeting, which raised a concern about how unhealthy students are eating.

Last year there had been talk of either removing the vending machines all together or replacing all the pop and junk food with "healthy" snacks and drinks. However, at the beginning of this school year, they were still in the school containing pop and junk food.

A question was raised in the student council meeting of whether the vending machines would be removed or sport healthier items next year. I soon found out that the school would have the vending machines for the next 3 years, until the 2009-2010 school year. They would gradually introduce healthier foods and drinks as the years progressed, but the vending machines were staying for now.

How would the students be affected, though, if the vending machines were shut off or the food and drinks became healthier?

Senior Nichole Bennett believes that if the machines were turned off it would not be terrible. "I don't buy stuff from the machines that much

anymore. It wouldn't affect me as much as it would affect some of the other kids, but they are convenient when you want something quick to snack on," she said. When questioned about how she would feel if the food and drinks were healthier, she replied, "I think it would be better to do that."

But what about "the other kids" Nichole mentioned? At the student council meeting alluded to earlier, senior Brian Dawson made the comment, "But what about all us kids with caffeine addictions?" when he heard the prospect of pop being removed from the machines.

His question raises another thought; how healthy are today's youth if they're openly proclaiming their addictions to caffeine, sugar and fat?

Everyone knows of the obesity epidemic sweeping across this nation, hitting our youth especially hard. With the fast pace of life today and the fast food, energy drinks and candy bars thrown in our faces as quick and easy "pick-me-ups" and thirst-quenchers, I will be honest, it is sometimes hard to resist. Advertisements do a great job of appealing to the senses of sight, smell, and especially taste. It looks delicious, but the question is; is it good for you?

While a school putting healthier foods in the vending machines is a step in the right direction, it seems only to be a drop in the bucket. We have to ask ourselves what we have gotten ourselves into and, worse, how are we going to get out? Or do we even want to?

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Tuesday, March 13, 2007 2-5 & 6-9 p.m.

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DISPLAYING THEIR certificates are February “Red Hawk Award of Excellence” recipients (from left) Michael Rader, third grade; Kyle Hartwick, senior; and Stephanie Heckroth, sixth grade.

# Rader, Hartwick, Heckroth earn honors for excellence

The Cass City Board of Education last week recognized 3 students for their accomplishments and contributions to their school and community.

Four times a year, the board presents the district’s “Red Hawk Award of Excellence” honors to students from each building who have been nominated by the teaching staff based on leadership, service, outstanding behavior, excellent academic performance, being most improved, or other accomplishments in or outside of school.

Board members personally congratulate each winner and present

them with a maroon ribbon and certificate prior to a regular board meeting.

Named as the February recipients were Michael Rader, third grade; Stephanie Heckroth, sixth grade; and Kyle Hartwick, high school senior.

Teacher Brenda Fulcher, who nominated Rader, son of Susie Dennis, described him as an exceptional student.

“His wisdom and maturity far exceed what is expected of a third grade student,” Fulcher wrote in her nomination letter.

“Michael is pleasant, motivated, responsible, a good listener and con-

scientious,” she said. “He participates in classroom discussions and volunteers to help his teachers and classmates. He sets a positive example for others to follow both academically and socially.”

The teachers who nominated Heckroth, daughter of Ann Heckroth, say she sets goals for herself and works hard to accomplish those goals.

“She is a dedicated student and role model for others. She comes to school prepared and eager to learn. She is responsible, caring and trustworthy,” the staff wrote. “She is a good citizen and represents Cass City Middle School well.”

Finally, high school Principal Chad Daniels described Hartwick, son of Richard and Donna Hartwick, as an excellent role model for his peers and as a student who has shown excellent improvement over the course of his 4 years in high school.

“He was chosen because he constantly exhibits ‘Character Counts’ (traits),” Daniels said.

“He is someone who always has a smile on his face and is someone who has his peers’ respect. Kyle has assisted teachers and administrators in many ways. Overall, he is a pleasant, honest and thoughtful student.”



MEMBERS OF GIRL Scout Troop 498, Cass City, are beginning to work on the requirements for the Bronze Award for Junior Girl Scouts. They are collecting items in an effort to assemble 25 Easter baskets for needy children in the area. “Bunny Boxes” have been set up at local businesses to collect donations through March 21. Pictured above are troop members (from left) Emily Mason, Ashley Cochrane, Briana Samons, Chelsea Hoppe, Emily Cochrane and Samantha Krueger. Missing are Katie Mihalski and Krystal Burks.

## Letters to the Editor

### Readers miss Melva Guinther’s column

Dear Mr. Haire,

I sure do miss Melva Guinther’s weekly write ups. My kids, pastor at church and I read a lot of her stories to the congregation, and these Texans loved them.

I appreciate the Chronicle, it keeps me close to home. I met my husband in Cass City. He was born and raised there. Raymond Frederick. We had 50 wonderful years together.

I attended Cass City High School in ‘48 and ‘51. I still keep in touch with some wonderful classmates.

My folks moved from the Deford area to Caro where my mom worked at J.C. Penney’s for many years. Raymond worked for A.T. Barnes for several years as a young man. I enjoy seeing my brother Carl Palmateer’s picture in the paper.

Marion Frederick  
Killeen, Texas

**Letters to the Editor**

*The Chronicle welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must include the writer’s name, address and telephone number. The latter is in case it is necessary to call for verification, but won’t be used in the newspaper.*

*Names will be withheld from publication upon request, for an adequate reason.*

*The Chronicle reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.*

*We will not publish thank you letters of a specific nature, for instance, from a club thanking merchants who donated prizes for a raffle.*

## Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



### 5 YEARSAGO

Local library and historical society officials have taken a monumental step in an ambitious project that will make the task of searching back issues of the Cass City newspapers quick, easy and convenient. The goal is to preserve Cass City area history, and officials took a giant leap forward in February when they awarded a contract to VuCom Data Services of Livonia to digitize and microfilm the Cass City newspapers. “The first batch of early Cass City newspapers has been sent out,” announced retiring Rawson Memorial Library Director Barbara Hutchinson, who has worked closely with local historical society officials on the project. Hutchinson said this is the first step in an effort to enable residents to search back issues of the newspapers on a personal computer and, eventually, on the Internet.

A new pipeline proposed by Wolverine Pipe Line Company, Lansing, will help meet the gasoline transportation needs of the Tuscola County area. Wolverine has filed an application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) seeking authority for the pipeline expansion (the Spartan Project) in the Lansing area. The pipeline proposed by Wolverine will allow more gasoline to reach the Tuscola County area by pipeline. The gasoline terminals in Bay City and Lansing serve 28 mid and northern Michigan counties, including Tuscola. Mid-Michigan, including the Tuscola area, has not been able to reliably meet the demand for petroleum products through pipeline transportation since the closing of Total/Ultra Diamond Shammrock’s Alma refinery in 1999.

Two members of the Cass City gymnastic team qualified for the state finals at Saturday’s regional competition at Rogers-Adams High School. Chelsea Zimba made the finals with an 8.6 rating, good for seventh place. Rande McGregor posted an 8.8, finishing sixth in the floor exercises. The top 8 gymnasts in each division qualified for the state, which will be held March 9 at Rockford.

### 10 YEARSAGO

Two dozen Michigan high school football coaches, including a longtime former area school superintendent, will be inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame next week. Among this year’s inductees include Dr. Jerry H. “Doc” Laycock, 62, who served as Kingston School Superintendent for 12 years before his retirement in 1995. The retirement marked the end of a career in education spanning nearly 40 years, including 26 years coaching high school football

in 4 Michigan school districts.

The road leading to the new middle school was completed before the construction started to provide easy access for construction equipment. It’s a beautiful cement road with the curbing installed. Just don’t get carried away if you visit. That road ends where the building starts. I thought I was prepared when I arrived to take pictures, with boots that cover the angle. Wrong. Three steps from that beautiful pavement and the mud oozed in over the top of the boots and I knew why Keith Hammis, project superintendent who was showing me around, put on boots that went to his knees. (From Rabbit Tracks)

“The Star Spangled Banner,” when it was first published, bore the title “The Defense of Fort McHenry.”

### 25 YEARSAGO

It was a birthday party Dr. Harold T. Donahue will never forget, one at which more than 670 persons Friday evening said thanks for the almost 49 years the MD has served the Cass City community. The party at the Colony House on M-53 to celebrate Donahue’s 77th birthday was supposed to be a surprise. It turned out to be not a complete surprise. The still practicing physician told the Chronicle Saturday that he had an inkling for about a week that something was in the works, that it’s hard in a small town to keep anything that large a secret. He did not see any of the posters beforehand advertising the party. They had only been placed in businesses where he normally doesn’t go.

Damage was estimated at \$48,000 due to a fire early Tuesday at the Walbro Corp. Automotive Products Group plant on Columbia Street in Caro. Caro Fire Chief Don Berry said the fire was confined to a room used for testing fuel pumps and carburetors, which was isolated from the rest of the building by fire doors. The room is a separate addition onto the main building. The apparent cause, he said, was an electrical fault in a new control panel in the room.

Okay, pioneers, how about a little help? Athletic Director Roland Pakonen believes that at one time the Cass City Red Hawks were called something else. Were they? He’d also like to know when the school colors changed from maroon and gray to maroon and white. (From Rabbit Tracks)

### 35 YEARSAGO

Elsewhere you’ll find a record by George Copland of every car he owned since 1916. For most of us who can’t even find the gas bills for this year’s income tax, it’s an amazing

record. Thinking about this I’ve come to the conclusion that it may be a good thing that I detest bookkeeping...I really don’t want to know how much cars have cost me since I started driving. It cost Copland \$2,208 to drive 63,525 miles in four years. I log about that many in two years on one car and in addition I always have several hundred dollars worth of dinged fenders to pay for. (From Rabbit Tracks)

Peace of Mind: Spend some time each day figuring out how to help your fellow man - you’ll become more tolerant and understanding.

Winning district championships is old stuff to Coach Ed Wolford and the Laker basketball team. The team showed relatively little elation after walking off with the championship Friday night with an easy win over Bad Axe at Cass City High School. The Lakers play the winner of the Fenton-Flint Hamady game Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Flint’s IMA.

Cass City’s first Eagle Scouts in more than a dozen years are Randy Bacon and Brian Althaver, who were given Eagle Scout badges Tuesday night at a scout court of honor.

## Gardeners to meet in Ubyly

The Master Gardeners of Huron County are offering the fifth annual “Spring Into Gardening” conference on Saturday, March 31, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Ubyly Heights Country Club.

This year’s conference gives participants a wide variety of educational choices when they choose 2 of the 5 morning sessions and 2 of the 5 in the afternoon.

A Yard and Garden Expo will be held in conjunction with the conference. Vendors will be selling and displaying their products and services. The Expo is free and open to the general public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A grand prize drawing will be held with registrations received before March 9 eligible for one of 2 grand prizes. Ironman Fabricators is again providing a garden ironwork item and Excalibur Dehydrator is providing a 9-tray food dehydrator with timer.

Master gardeners attending this conference will receive 5 education credits.

Ticket and registration information, brochures with a map and more detailed information on the day’s program, and applications for vendor space, are available by stopping by the Master Gardener Office at MSU Extension, 99 W. Soper Road, Suite B, Bad Axe, calling 989-269-9949, or by email at msue32@msu.edu. The website for information is [www.msue.msu.edu/Huron/mastergardener](http://www.msue.msu.edu/Huron/mastergardener).

## Cass City Area Church Directory

### Calvary Bible Fellowship an Independent Baptist Church

4446 Ale St., Cass City, MI 48726  
989-872-4088  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Pray/Bible Study & Youth Group 7:00 p.m.  
Pastor - Chuck Carr  
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### Cass City Church of Christ

6743 E. Main St., Cass City, MI 48726  
Contacts 872-2367 or 872-3136  
Worship Service Sunday 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study Sunday 10:00 a.m. & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

### Cass City Church of the Nazarene

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

### Cass City Missionary Church

4449 Koepfen 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.  
Pastor - Bob Sweeney  
[www.casscitymc.org](http://www.casscitymc.org)

### 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)  
Pastor: Rev. Paul G. Donelson

### Evangelical Free Church of Cass City

6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City, MI 48726  
Phone: 872-5060  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
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Pastor: Rev. Todd R. Gould



### First Baptist Church

6420 Houghton St., Cass City, MI 48726  
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Sunday Evening Service 6:30 p.m.  
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### First Presbyterian Church

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### Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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Pastor: Keith Misany

### Novesta Church of Christ

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4618 South St., Gagetown, MI 48735  
665-9966  
Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

### St. Pancratius Catholic Church

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# Hawks repeat as district champs



THE CASS CITY volleyball team repeated as Class B district champions Saturday with wins of 25-9, 25-20 and 25-21 over Caro. The Red Hawks now advance into regional play to meet host Frankenmuth.

## Meeker paces Cass City despite playing injured

The Cass City volleyball team overpowered Tri-Valley East foe Caro Saturday to claim the Class B district title on its own floor.

After enduring a 29-year drought without a district crown, coach Beth Howard's Red Hawk spikers have now won back-to-back district championships and will face host Frankenmuth this weekend in regional play. Joining the regional party will be Yale and Linden.

"We split games with both Frankenmuth and Yale at tournaments this year," Howard said. Adding, "Frankenmuth is playing their best ball of the year right now."

Linden will square off against Yale in the regional opener Saturday, with the first serve slated for 10 a.m. The Hawks will then meet host Frankenmuth at around noon, with both winners meeting at 1:30 p.m. for the regional crown.

After disposing of Essexville-Garber 25-19, 25-11 and 25-22 in a pre-district matchup, the Hawks met Bay City John Glenn in the semifinals, which proved to be their toughest challenge on the afternoon.

Cass City had little trouble posting victories of 25-13 and 25-12 to open its semifinal meeting, but stumbled in game 3 while bowing 25-22.

"I was a little worried after we let John Glenn back into the match," Howard said.

Howard's fears never materialized, however, as the hosts moved into the finals with a tight 25-23 decision in game 4.

The Hawks wasted little time in defeating the Tigers, winning in straight games 25-9, 25-20 and 25-21.

"We played well and I think Caro was a little off Saturday," Howard said.

Red Hawk senior Sara Meeker had a banner tournament and posted a team-high 38 kills, despite playing injured.

"Sara has some sort of neck or upper back injury," Howard said. "She had an MRI and Cat Scan, but they really don't know what is causing her problems. She has a hard time just lifting her hands above her head right now. We'll just rest her this week and see how it goes on Saturday."

In addition, Meeker had 9 blocks and 9 digs, while Carly Howard had 22 kills, 38 digs, and 10 blocks, Emily Schinnerer 23 kills, 32 digs, Sarah Howard 12 kills, 4 digs, Amanda Langenburg 9 kills, 72 assists and 28 digs, Ashleigh Rabideau 5 kills and Lauren Dillon 3 kills.

Cass City will take a 36-7-6 record into regional play.

## Cass City gymnasts close out season at Troy regional

The Cass City gymnastic careers of Allie Richards, Allie Hillaker and Theresa Imgraben came to a close Saturday during individual regional competition in Troy.

While none of the Red Hawk seniors were able to advance into the Division 2 state final, coach Kathy Bouverette was more than pleased with the effort displayed by the Lady Hawks.

Richards, who qualified for regional play in 3 events, recorded an 8.6 mark on the vault and scores of 7.65 and 7.05 on the floor exercise and balance beam, respectively, to end her 4-year career.

Hillaker, also a 4-year performer, tallied a score of 7.05 on the beam, while Imgraben, a Cass City foreign exchange student, recorded a score of 7.7 on the vault.

Also competing at the individual regional for Cass City was junior Caitlyn Sorenson. Sorenson competed on both the uneven parallel bars and vault where she posted scores of 7.6 and 8.45, respectively.

## Schneeberger's ATHLETES of the WEEK



The Cass City volleyball squad captured its second straight Class B district crown Saturday in straight games over Caro to earn this week's Schneeberger's Athletes of the week honors. The team members include, from left, Megan Van Vliet, Ashleigh Rabideau, Amanda Stevens, Carly Howard, Sarah Howard, Sara Meeker, Kristie Karr, Emily Schinnerer, Brandi McKee and Amanda Langenburg. Missing from photo are: Lauren Dillon, Kelli Lautner and Jennica Richards.

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## Bulldog spikers schedule make up contests

Mother Nature has the Owen-Gage volleyball team waiting to see if the Bulldogs can add any hardware to their trophy case.

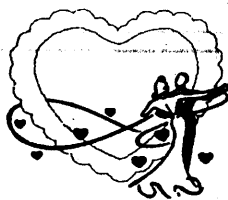
Inclement weather postponed both Thursday's North Central Thumb League-North championship showdown game at North Huron and Saturday's Class D district action in Caseville.

Bulldog Athletic Director Jason Pierce says the NCTL-N title game against the Warriors will be played this Thursday and that the Class D district action in Caseville has been moved to Tuesday night.

"They (Caseville) had no power so everything was moved to Tuesday," Pierce said.

The Class D district will begin at 4:30 with the Bulldogs facing Port Hope in one semifinal match up, while North Huron will face Caseville in the other semifinal game. All games, including the finals, are to run consecutively.

The district champion will move into the Port Hope regional to face the Arenac Eastern district winner.



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# Last quarter rally lands Cass City in district semifinals

The Cass City Red Hawks staged a last quarter rally Monday in the opening round of the Michigan High School Athletic Association Class B tourney at North Branch to defeat the Birch Run Panthers, 56-50.

The win puts the Hawks in the semi-finals against Frankenmuth tonight (Wednesday) in the early game that starts at 6 p.m.

Going into the final period the Hawks trailed 38-35. Cass City overcame that lead in the opening minutes of the period. Dereck Halasz spearheaded a 11-1 drive to put the Hawks in front 49-39 with just over 3 minutes left to play.

Halasz started the drive with a rebound bucket, scored from close in a moment later, and then added an old-fashioned trey when he was fouled and converted both the basket and the free throw. That put Cass City in front 42-39 and they continued the roll when Andrew Martin converted a rebound and Brad Hartel scored on a drive before Halasz struck again by converting another old-fashioned trey with a bucket and a free throw.

The Panthers went into a press and closed the gap to 5 points with 1:19 left on baskets and 5 of 6 free throws by Jordan Duby and James Opepman.

With time running out, Birch Run was forced to foul and Cass City converted 7 of 12 in the last minute and 19 seconds in the game.

Coach Aaron Fernald said that he thought his team played well and had the advantage of size. We passed well and fortunately Birch Run didn't shoot well from the perimeter.

For the first 3 quarters it seemed as if the Panthers were going to shoot well enough to win. Birch run opened the game with a 7-2 run behind a pair of fast-break baskets by Stephen Sanders.

Cass City stopped the bleeding with a 12-0 run started with a trey by Hartel. Martin chipped in with 2 hoops and Halasz scored on a nice feed from Cameron Lautner.

# Saginaw Nouvel downs Hawks

Fans were treated to a great tune-up game for the tournament in the last encounter of the regular season Friday against visiting Saginaw Nouvel. The game went to the last minute of the last quarter before the Bobcats prevailed, 50-45.

The lead changed 3 times and was tied twice in the first quarter that ended 11-all.

Dereck Halasz kept the Hawks in the period with 3 quick hoops on his way to a career-high 20-point night.

In the second period Nouvel crashed the boards to score on rebounds and hold Cass City to just one shot to go in front 25-21 at the intermission.

After Nouvel's leading scorer Tim Ryan opened the third period with a hoop Cass City went on a mini-run, scoring 7 unanswered points with a pair of hoops by Halasz and trey by Brad Hartel.

After that the teams traded baskets with the Hawks in front, 35-34 going into the final 8 minutes.

At the 5:05 mark the score was tied at 41-all. Andrew Martin scored on a beautiful rebound and Cameron Lautner netted his only bucket of the night to put the Hawks in front 45-41 with just over 2 minutes left.

The Bobcats then won the game with an 8-0 rally. With only 1 minute, 58 seconds left, Jahred Rapin started it with a hoop and then Ryan took over, scoring a pair of hoops and 2 free throws to cement the victory.

Nouvel was superb from the free throw line, netting 11 of 12 shots, including 6 for 6 by Ryan who led the Bobcats with 16 points. David Kazmierski scored 13 for Nouvel and Hartel was in double figures with 10 for the Hawks.

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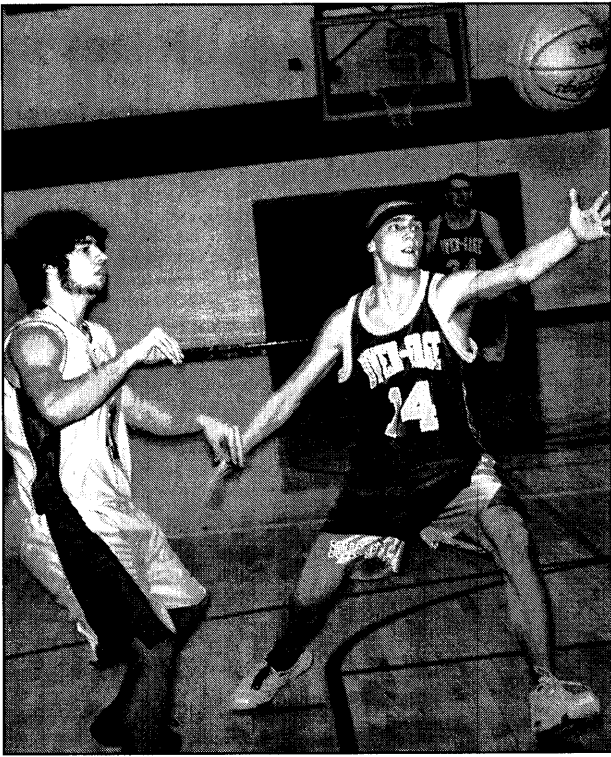
In the second quarter the Panthers closed to within a point as Duby paced the comeback with 7 of his team's 16 points and at the intermission, the Cass City lead was a single point, 28-27.

The turnover bugaboo hit Cass City in the opening moments of the third quarter as the Panthers started a pressing defense against Cass City's ball handlers. Cass City committed 3 turnovers in the first minute and a half and the Panthers moved in front 38-35 going into the final 8 minutes.

The Hawks adjusted to the defense and with 3:30 left they were in charge, 46-39, to set the stage for the victory.

Halasz had his second big scoring night of the season as he led all scorers with 20 points. Hartel contributed 12 and Shane McFarland, 10. Lautner added 9 points and Martin 5. Duby and Corey King each netted 14 points for Birch Run.

Birch Run converted 12 of 20 free throws and Cass City netted 10 of 18.



OWEN-GAGE'S Brandon Dubs deflects a pass during NCTL play against Caseville. Dubs scored 22 points to lead all scores.

## Fast start keys Cass City win

When the Cass City Red Hawks get off to a flying start they become a team that is very hard to beat. Visiting Bay City John Glenn found that out last Tuesday as Brad Hartel fused a first quarter attack that netted a 58-43 win in the non-conference game.

Hartel burned the nets for 6 hoops in the opening 8 minutes, one of them a trey. Going into the second period Cass City was in front, 21-5.

Both coaches, Aaron Fernald of Cass City and Dale Clyde of John Glenn, agreed that the quick start was the key to the game.

After the roaring start, the teams played on even terms the rest of the way. In the second period Shane McFarland, who whipped in 8 of his 13 points for the night, carried the Cass City offense.

John Glenn countered the 14-point second quarter attack by the Hawks with a 14-point effort that was shared

by 6 players. At the half Cass City was in front, 36-19.

Cass City added a point to its lead in a low-scoring third period and the bench took over for much of the final quarter and John Glenn narrowed the


gap slightly with a 16-13 advantage.


Hartel led all scorers with 18 points for the Hawks. John Glenn's scoring was well divided with 9 players posting points, none with more than 6 points.


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# Bulldogs looking to add district crown at Caseville tourney

Owen-Gage secured the North Central Thumb League - North outright championship last week Tuesday with a 66-41 victory over Caseville in Owendale.

It's the Bulldogs' eighth league title since 1960. Six of those championship teams also went on to add district crowns. The 2006-07 Bulldogs would like to change that number to seven.

And the Bulldogs will be the favorites at the Class D district at Caseville, where they were to have meet hosts Caseville Monday night with a trip into tonight's (Wednesday) semifinal game against Akron at stake.

In the Caseville district's other semifinal meeting Wednesday, Port Hope will meet North Huron at 6 p.m. The finals are slated for a 7 p.m. tip off Friday.

The Eagles made the Bulldogs work for their first league championship since 1975 as both team struggled to an 16-16 tie in the opening half that ended 28-22.

Brandon Dubs, who tallied 12 markers in the initial half, sparked a 24-10 run to open the final half en route to a game-high 22 points. Dubs was per-

fect in 10 attempts at the foul line and as a team, Owen-Gage was 18-23.


Dubs received plenty of help at the offensive end of the floor from Eric Zaleski who scored 16 points through 3 periods. In the final 8 minutes Bulldog Justin Trupe added a pair of treys. Zaleski and Trupe completed the list of double-digit scorers for the Bulldogs with 18 and 10 points, respectively.


Cody Quinn paced the Eagles with 13 points.


NCTL NORTH			
Team	W	L	W
Owen-Gage	13	4	13
North Huron	11	6	11
Port Hope	3	14	5
Caseville	2	15	2
Akron-Fairgrove	1	15	3

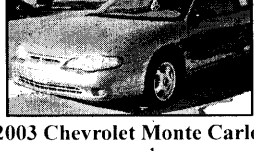
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Reese	7	3	15
USA	6	4	13
Cass City	6	4	13
Bad Axe	5	5	9
Lakers	4	6	9
BCAS	2	8	6

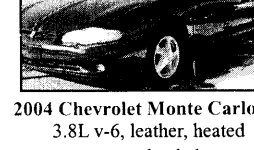
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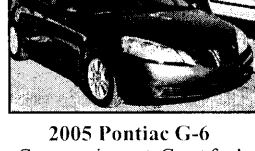
  
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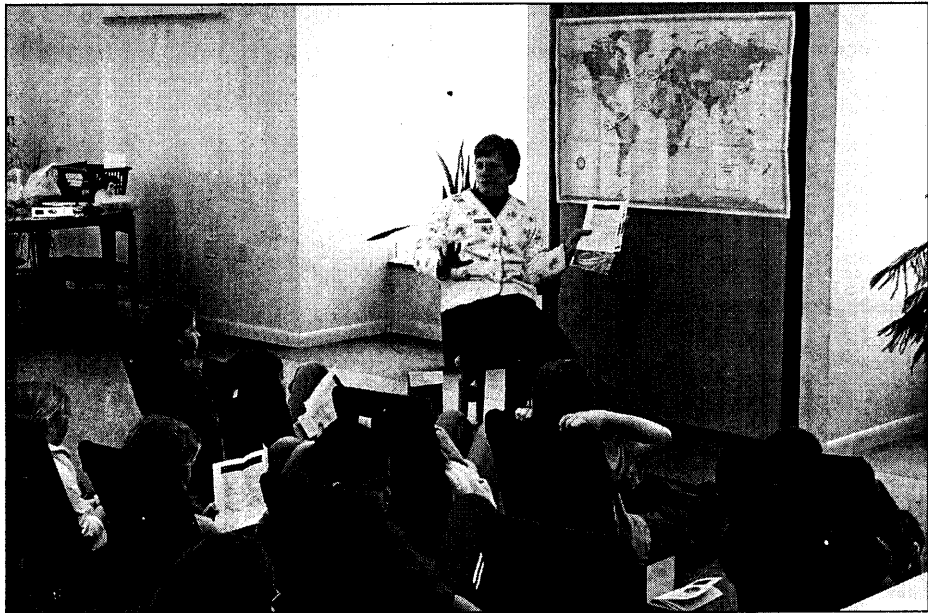
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**RUTH STEELE**, SPECIAL programming librarian at Rawson Memorial Library, reads to a group of kids who participated in the library’s multicultural program in February.

## HHW collection set in Huron County

Do you have household hazardous waste in your basement or garage? Do you have a safe place to dispose of it? Huron County officials are looking for residents to participate in their household hazardous waste (HHW) collection on Saturday, May 5.

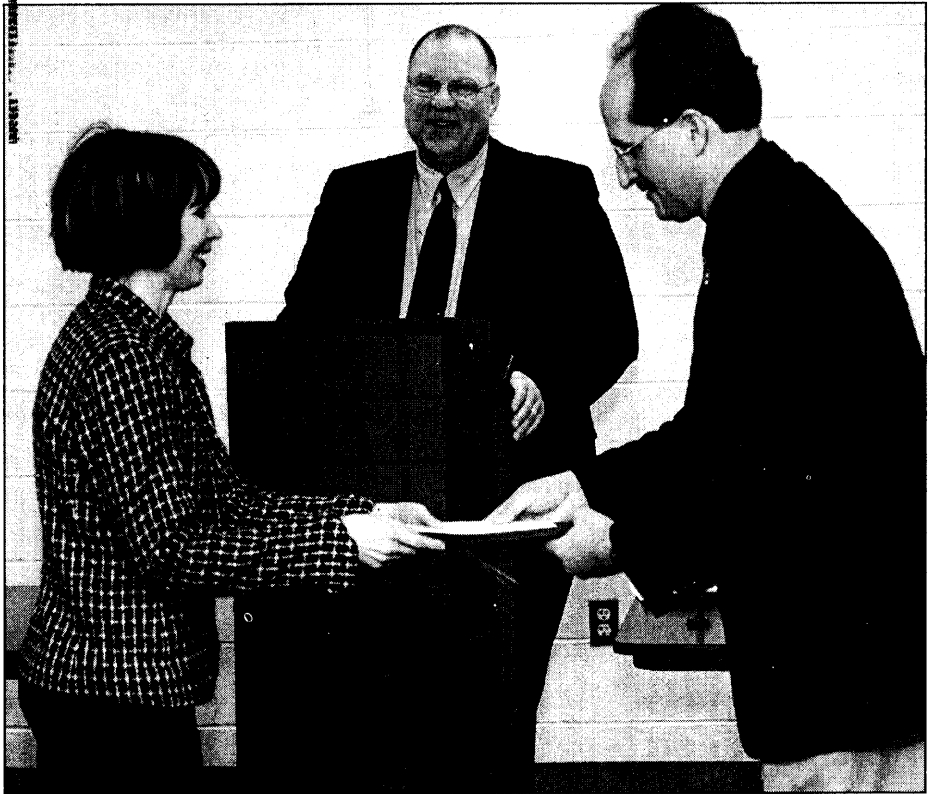
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Residents are encouraged to dispose of hazardous materials they have in their home through this program.

Not only is it safer than keeping these poorly stored in a basement or garage, but also by getting rid of them properly, the homeowner can prevent a future incident when a dog or a small child may come in contact with these products.

To participate in this spring’s collection, all applications must be turned in to MSU Extension-Huron County by Monday, April 23. For an application or more information, contact MSU Extension-Huron County at (989) 269-9949 or msue32@msu.edu.



**CASS CITY RESIDENT Karen Nicol** is the recipient of a grant from the DTE Energy Foundation Mini-Grants for Educators program. Nicol will use the award for a project that will help her first-grade students at Marlette’s Bea McDonald Elementary School understand how the sun’s energy and the environment help grow healthy foods. Nicol is among 13 Sanilac County teachers receiving grants from the foundation. Pictured here at the recent awards presentation are Nicol, Sanilac ISD superintendent Tim Edwards and DTE Energy’s Dan Blythe.

## Athletics and election on agenda

Continued from page one.

first proposal. Board members suggested that an adult could supervise the locker rooms to ensure there are no problems, although there’s no guarantee all schools would take the same precaution.

The board also discussed the proposed addition of Deckerville into the North Central Thumb League (NCTL). Deckerville is currently competing in the Greater Thumb West League (GTW).

Pierce said Deckerville officials are proposing to join the NCTL in all sports except football. However, that idea didn’t sit well with some Owen-Gage Board members who have voiced concerns in the past regarding Deckerville’s dominance in football. Trustees Mike Mandich and Kathy Champagne immediately rejected the proposal, citing sportsmanship issues.

But Pierce indicated he supports the proposal. Geographically, Deckerville is close by, and the school is dropping in student numbers, he noted, adding an important consideration is finding an adequate number of teams to compete against without having to travel extreme distances.

Another consideration is Owen-Gage officials’ concerns about NCTL opponent Memphis, a Class C school with 5 times the enrollment of Class D Owen-Gage. The Owen-Gage Board last November voted to drop Memphis from Owen-Gage’s football schedule beginning this year.

Board members voted to endorse Deckerville’s proposal on a vote of 4-2, with Mandich and Champagne casting the dissenting votes.

### ELECTION CHANGE?

Turning to other matters, the board rescinded a motion approved last month to hold school elections every other year instead of every year.

The decision was made to save money, but there was also confusion related to the deadline to make that decision, and the district’s legal counsel is urging the board to start over.

School Supt. Dana Compton acknowledged there was a misunderstanding last month regarding an election contract the board must sign and return to county officials in order to make the switch. Compton indicated he was under the impression the board had to make its decision in January, however, the board actually has until the end of this year to decide. In addition, Compton said, the district’s attorneys have pointed out that the decision was made without a public hearing and without the proper legal wording.

Compton expressed concerns last month about reducing the number of elections, saying the move would affect continuity on the board because several board members could be replaced in a single year — up to 4 — as opposed to 2 terms expiring every year. Trustee Terry Muntz expressed those same concerns last week.

However, Huron County Clerk Peggy Koehler, who attended the meeting, pointed out that county and township boards have always faced the same scenario.

Koehler said all but 4 of the county’s schools have already made the decision to go with elections every other year. The same decision makes sense for Owen-Gage, she indicated, based on voter turnout and what the district is spending on elections — about \$1,500 annually. Owen-Gage has 1,168 registered voters, Koehler noted, and yet just 56 voters (5 percent) cast ballots in 2006, and only 2 percent (19 voters) turned out for the 2003 school election. “Is that a fair vote for a school board candidate — when you have 19 people coming out or 56 coming out?” she asked.

The board agreed to further discuss the proposal before making a final decision.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

In other business last week, the board welcomed a new trustee — Dan Warack, one of 2 district residents who indicated an interest in filling a vacancy left by the resignation of Brenda Kretzschmer, whose 4-year

term will expire this year.

Both Warack and resident Ron Maurer attended the board meeting and spoke briefly about their interest in serving on the board. Both men will face off in the school election in May.

Maurer described himself as being active in the district, and as a skilled troubleshooter whose interest in bettering Owen-Gage would serve the district well into the future. Warack said he’s self-employed and can “think on his feet.” As a board member, he vowed to listen to both sides of an issue and then make an informed decision.

Warack was appointed on a vote of 3-2 with the support of Champagne, Deb Quick and Terry Muntz. The vote for Maurer was 2-3, with Mandich and Loretta Schmidt supporting his appointment.

Both the board and Compton lauded both men for their interest. “Both candidates are very interested and qualified. Both have children here and want to see the school survive,” Compton said.

Koehler also voiced her appreciation. “Rarely does a school have 2 apparently qualified people who want to take an interest in their school,” she said. “It’s important, especially for the kids, to get involved.”

The board also:

- \*Nominated Liz Roemer for the Friend of Youth honors presented each spring at the Thumb Meet of Champions. The motion was made by Quick, who was also considered for the nomination.
- \*Recognized the district’s varsity boys’ basketball team on its recent league crown victory.
- \*Approved the nomination of Aaron Gaeth as the “Senior Student of the Month” for February.

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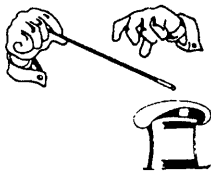
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Obituaries

Anna Copeland

Anna Copeland, 92, of Brown City, died Sunday, March 4, 2007 at the Marlette Regional Hospital Hospice Residence.

She was born Sept. 19, 1914 in Bay City, the daughter of the late Adam and Otellia (Schwenning) Mateska.

She married Roy J. Copeland Nov. 10, 1934 in Bad Axe. He died Sept. 11, 1997.

Copeland has lived in Brown City since 1974, and was previously from the Cass City area. She was a member of the Good News Assembly of God Church, Marlette.

She is survived by a son, Leroy and Phyllis Copeland of Dover, Delaware; 2 daughters: Joan (Glenn) Mittlestat of Brown City, and Elaine (Dale) Hager of Marlette; a sister, Esther Chisholm of Grosse Pointe Woods; 11 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 2 great great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by 7 sisters and 4 brothers.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, March 8, at the Good News Assembly of God Church, Marlette, with Pastor Douglas Richardson officiating.

Burial will be in the Burnside Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Good News Assembly of God Church or United Hospice Service.

Arrangements were made by Marsh Funeral Chapel, Inc.

Leslie Kendall

Leslie Edwin Kendall, 81, of Cass City, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007 at Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe.

He was born Aug. 28, 1924 in Detroit, the son of the late Lester and Lillian (Musall) Kendall.

Kendall was a lifelong resident of Cass City.

He is survived by 2 sisters: Donna McAlpine of Tampa, Fla., and Gaynell Dykes of Caro; a brother, Patrick (Nancy) Kendall of Bay City; and several nieces and nephews.

Kendall was preceded in death by 2 sisters: Lillian Thompson and Audrey Turner; and a brother, Clayton Kendall.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held Thursday, March 1, at the Cass City Missionary Church, Cass City.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Francis VanHorn

Francis Edward VanHorn, 91, of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Kingston, died Monday, Feb. 26, 2007 in Hospice House, Bradenton, Fla.

He was born March 12, 1915 in Kingston Township, the son of John Edward and Lillian (Silvernail) VanHorn.

He married Letitia Tallman June 17, 1939 in Deford. She died Oct. 11, 1991. He then married Laura M. Morrison Oct. 24, 1992 in Bradenton, Fla. She died Oct. 7, 1998.

VanHorn retired from the Department of Mental Health Wajamega (Caro Regional Center) after 30 years of working as a nurse attendant. He also farmed for over 30 years. He was an active member of the Free Methodist Church, the Deford United Methodist Church and the Bayshore Nazarene Church in Bradenton, Fla.

VanHorn is survived by his step-daughters: Sandra Peterson of Bradenton, Fla., and Connie Borden of Massachusetts; 2 step-granddaughters; 6 step great-grandchildren; sisters: Naomi (Robert) Barber of Roscommon, and Geraldine (Howard) Conely of Mayville; sisters-in-law: Gladys VanHorn of Deford, and Juanita VanHorn of Bradenton, Fla.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Francis Jr.; sisters: Mildred Trisch, Emma Jane Schiele, and Arlene Peterson; brothers: Theodore and Alvin VanHorn; and a brother-in-law, Harold Peterson.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 2, at Kranz Funeral Home, Kingston, with the Rev. Paul Donelson of Cass City United Methodist Church officiating. A memorial service will be held in Bradenton, FL at a future date.

Interment was in the Kingston Cemetery, Kingston.

Memorials may be made to World Gospel Missions of Marion, Ind.



HURON COUNTY Sheriff Kent D. Tibbits (right) presents the "Officer of the Year" award to Corporal Alan Herman.

Smith joins Chemical Bank

Douglas H. Herringshaw, Caro Community Bank president of Chemical Bank, recently announced the appointment of J. Dean Smith as business development officer.

In this position, Smith is responsible for assisting the agricultural and business customers in communities throughout Michigan's Thumb. His office is located at in Bad Axe.



J. Dean Smith

"We are pleased to have Dean join the Chemical Bank family. He brings with him knowledge and recognition in the agricultural community. Dean has helped operate a large farm operation, dealt with farmers on drains and has personal involvement in church, school and community services."

Smith served as deputy drain commissioner for Huron County for the past 7 years. He has also co-hosted the Farm and Garden program for WNEM TV-5 in Saginaw for 20 years and served as partner and owner of Smith Family Farms in Bay Port. Smith holds a degree in crop and soils from Michigan State University.

Smith is current board secretary and finance committee chair and past president of Huron County Community Mental Health Board; president of the Elkton, Pigeon, Bay Port, Laker School Board; member of the finance committee for First United Methodist Church; member and former vice president of Farm Bureau; member of the Pigeon Rotary; and former member and past president of the West Huron Local Michigan Milk Producers Association.

Barcia bill to benefit beet growers

The Michigan Senate recently passed legislation sponsored by Senator Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) that is designed to avoid the kind of sugar beet crop spoilage that cost Michigan Sugar and its grower/owners \$30 million in lost revenue in 2005.

SB 14 extends the time of repayment on a \$5 million loan that was granted to Michigan Sugar in 2002 from 5 to 10 years, allowing the company to make immediate capital investments in new ventilation equipment and other technologies designed to avoid future crop disasters. A final \$3 million balloon payment was set to come due on the loan Feb. 1, 2007.

"By extending out these payments until 2012, Michigan Sugar can take critical steps towards avoiding the kinds of losses that not only hurt farmer's bottom lines, but negatively impacted tax revenue to the state. This bill also demonstrates the kinds of partnerships with the agricultural industry that we will need to aggressively pursue as we continue to transition our economy," he said.

SB 14, which was supported by both the Michigan Department of Treasury and the Michigan Department of Agriculture, is now headed to the House where it is expected to be considered very soon. If passed, it is expected that Michigan Sugar will continue to make quarterly payments of some \$150,000 until the loan is completely paid back in 2012.

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Herman named "Officer of the Year" in Huron County

The Huron County Sheriff's Department recently honored its own during an annual awards meeting.

Earning the department's coveted "Officer of the Year" honors was Corporal Alan Herman.

"He started his career at the Huron County Sheriff's Office on March 18, 1987," noted Sheriff Kent D. Tibbits, who said Herman has since earned the respect of his department's administration as well as his peers, both within the sheriff's department and among those serving other area law enforcement agencies.

"He has proven his dedication to the Huron County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Huron County," Tibbits said. "He has shown his fairness to all the people he works with and deals with. His decisions are always made with common sense and safety (in mind for) his fellow employees."

"He was promoted to corporal on Feb. 14, 2001, and has proven himself to be a leader and an asset to the Huron County Sheriff's Office."

Other officers cited for outstanding work included:

**\*Sgt. James Hunt.**

"On the morning of Feb. 22, 2006, Sgt. Hunt had just gone off duty. At 6:30 a.m., he was approached by a male subject who was in need of medical attention. He was having trouble breathing," Tibbits said. "Sgt. Hunt made the decision to transport the subject in his personal vehicle" to an emergency room.

"It is believed that his quick response to the situation helped the

man survive his medical problem," Tibbits added. "It would have been easy for Sgt. Hunt to just sit back and call for an ambulance. Instead, (he) took the matter into his own hands to insure the man received prompt treatment. This type of caring and compassion for his fellow man makes Sgt. Hunt a standout among his peers."

**\*Deputy Daryl Ford.**

"As you know, there is a significant drug problem in Huron County. For some time I wanted to assign a deputy to strictly work on that problem," Tibbits said. "We tried several different ways to work drugs over the years. With staff shortages in recent years, I never really felt we were doing enough. Even though we were short handed, we assigned (Ford) to that task."

"We couldn't be more pleased with the results," the sheriff added. "Through (his) efforts as well as others, I feel that we have made the drug dealers in our area sit up and take notice. With diligence and hard work from (him) and others, we have made real headway in this never-ending problem."

**\*Deputy Ward Carter.**

"We ran into a problem when our civil process employee needed an extended time off from work. As the 'civil process work' keeps rolling in with a never-ending supply, we needed to assign someone to quickly cover the job," Tibbits said of his decision to hand the duty to Carter.

"There was a fairly sharp learning

curve as this isn't something that you normally do in your day-to-day work. There was much to be learned in a relatively short time. (Carter) buckled down and got right with the program and did a very good job covering" for the other employee."

**\*Officer Keith Holdwick.**

Holdwick was honored for his handling of 2 suicide attempts in which no one was injured, giving the department another year with no suicides at the Huron County Jail.

**\*Officer Stephanie Voss.**

Voss was honored for her attention and interest in her duties at the county jail, as well as her professionalism in dealing with her peers and inmates.

In addition, Tibbits recognized several other employees with the following awards:

Citation for Professional Excellence/ Sheriff's Commendation — Richard Koehler, Ron Roberts, Jackie Cregeur, Daryl Ford and Gary Polega, for their work on the Welshans child abuse case; Longevity Award — Greg Gordon, who was hired July 9, 1976, and Tyler Ramsey, who has served the department since May 24, 1976.

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

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

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

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

Commencing at a point on the Section line 1205.706 feet East of the Southwest corner of the South half of the Southeast quarter of Section 10, Town 11 North, Range 11 East; thence East 417.42 feet; thence North 417.42 feet; thence West 417.42 feet; thence South 417.42 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: February 21, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000  
File No. 293.0328

2-21-4

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 28, 2007

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File No. 293.0320

2-28-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William R. Vargo, a/k/a William Richard Vargo, and Jeannette Vargo, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage America (INC), Inc., Mortgagee, dated August 2, 1999 and recorded on August 27, 1999 in Liber 780 on Page 773, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Mortgage Company, an Ohio Corporation as assignee by an assignment, in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Sixteen And 99/100 Dollars (\$49,016.99), including interest at 7.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 15, 2007.

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

Lot 5, Block 3 of the Assessor's Plat of the Village of Akron, according to the plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 78-80, now being Pages 28B-30B.

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

Dated: February 14, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304  
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File #114295F02

2-14-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Danny Andersen, a single man, individual, original mortgagor, to Capital City Acceptance L.L.C., Mortgagee, dated March 21, 2000 and recorded on March 29, 2000 in Liber 797 on Page 749, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage 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 Sixty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Nine and 80/100 Dollars (\$67,579.80), including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 15, 2007.

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

Commencing at a point that is 1128.27 feet South 18 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds East, along the South-westerly margin of State Trunk Line (M-15) 68.00 feet South 71 degrees 31 minutes 30 seconds West, and 275.00 feet North 87 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds West, parallel with the North line of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, from the intersection of the Southwesterly right of way line of State Trunk Line (M-15) and the North line of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, thence North 87 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds West, 200.00 feet, thence South 2 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds West, 399.00 feet to the center of a drainage ditch, thence Easterly along the center of the said ditch 205.00 feet, thence 2 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds East, 292.00 feet to beginning, said property now being described as, part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 9, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point which is South 87 degrees 51 minutes 16 seconds East, along the North line of said Section 9, 1008.85 feet to the centerline of state highway M-15 and South 18 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds East, along said highway, 1063.92 feet and South 83 degrees 36 minutes 12 seconds West, along a monumented line (as per recorded survey Liber 565, Pages 157 and 158), 575.31 feet (recorded as 575.96 feet) from the North-west corner of said Section 9, thence South 02 degrees 22 minutes 46 seconds West, 399.13 feet (recorded as South 2 degrees 17 minutes 25 seconds West, 399.00 feet) along a monument line (as per said recorded survey) to the centerline of a ditch, thence along said centerline North 71 degrees 06 minutes 03 seconds East, 50.17 feet, thence continuing along said centerline South 83 degrees 47 minutes 54 seconds East, 153.50 feet, thence North 02 degrees 22 minutes 46 seconds East, parallel with and 200 feet East of said monumented line, 392.00 feet, thence North 87 degrees 51 minutes 48 seconds West, 199.91 feet (recorded as North 87 degrees 52 minutes 30 seconds West, 200.00 feet) along a monumented line (as per recorded survey Liber 515, Page 1026) to the Point of Beginning.

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

Dated: February 14, 2007

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File #002072F04

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 28, 2007

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File #131354F01

2-28-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald T. Gary, a single man, and Michelle Gotts, a single woman, Joint Tenants, to Garrow Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 25, 2005 and recorded August 30, 2005 in Liber 1052, Page 272, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Sixteen and 80/100 Dollars (\$18,016.80), including interest at 8.75% per annum.

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

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

Part of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 5, Town 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: beginning at a point on the West line of said Section which is South 00 Degrees 08 Minutes 27 Seconds East 500 feet from West one-quarter corner of Section 5; thence continuing along said West line of said Section 5, South 00 Degrees 08 Minutes 27 Seconds East, 330 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 57 Minutes 36 Seconds East, 1325.90 feet; thence North 00 Degrees 02 Minutes 00 Seconds West 330 feet; thence North 89 Degrees 57 Minutes 36 Seconds West 1326.52 feet to the place of beginning.

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

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

Dated: February 28, 2007

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Troy, MI 48007-5041  
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File No. 200.1995

2-28-4

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

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

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

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

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

Commonly known as: 4700 North St.

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

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

Dated: February 21, 2007

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.  
By: Daniel E. Best, (P-58501)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S  
Troy, Michigan 48064  
WWR #05796458

2-21-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Deborah L. Kind, a married but separated woman, to First National Bank of America, dated July 27, 2004 and recorded on August 9, 2004 in Liber 1003, Page 977, Tuscola County Records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$8,535.33.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., at front steps, Tuscola County Courthouse, Caro, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 11.75 percent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

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

Commencing at a point on the Section line of Section 21, Township 11 North, Range 8 East, Vassar Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, 667.0 feet West of the Southeast corner of said Section 21, Township 11 North, Range 8 East; thence West 208.75 feet; thence North 208.75 feet; thence East 208.75 feet; thence South 208.75 feet to the point of beginning, except easements and rights of way of record.

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

Dated: February 9, 2007

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

2-14-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ellen L. Skaggs, a single woman, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 16, 2003 and recorded on April 23, 2003 in Liber 927 on Page 780, and assigned by mesne assignments to Nanron, LLC 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 Nineteen Thousand Eighty-Four and 55/100 Dollars (\$19,084.55), including interest at 10.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 15, 2007.

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

Part of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 5, Town 10 North, Range 9 East, described as: beginning at the center corner of said Section 5, thence along the East and West 1/4 line of said Section 5, South 88 degrees 58 minutes 12 Seconds West 365.73 feet; thence South 00 degrees 01 minutes 09 seconds East, 1985.19 feet to the centerline of Swaffler Road; thence along said centerline South 71 degrees 34 minutes 24 seconds East 391.75 feet to the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 5; thence along said North and South 1/4 line, North 00 degrees 10 minutes 50 seconds West, 2115.60 feet to the point of beginning, except the West 39.32 feet thereof.

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

Dated: February 14, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC F (248) 593-1313  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kyle Muny, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2005 and recorded on August 17, 2005 in Liber 1050 on Page 339 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Two and 37/100 Dollars (\$66,882.37), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 15, 2007.

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

Lot 33 and the East Half of Lot 31 of the Plat of the Village (now city) of Vassar According to the Plat recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 93.

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

Dated: February 14, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 28, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC H (248) 593-1300  
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File #131040F01

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 21, 2007

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Thomas Pruner, a single man, original mortgagor, to New Century Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated July 14, 2006 and recorded on July 20, 2006 in Liber 1088 on Page 897 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-NC2 as assignee by an assignment, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Six and 52/100 Dollars (\$89,936.52), including interest at 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 15, 2007.

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

The North One Acre of the Two Acre Parcel described as Follows: Land Commencing at a Point o the West Line of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 8 East, which Point is 30 Rods 9 Feet South of the Northwest Corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13; thence East 16 Rods; thence South 20 Rods; thence West 16 Rods to the Section Line; thence North along the Section Line 20 Rods to the Place of Beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 11 North, Range 8 East.

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

Dated: February 14, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC D (248) 593-1309  
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
File #128591F01

2-14-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Veronica K. Albin, a single woman to H&R Block Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee, dated April 14, 2006 and recorded April 26, 2006 in Liber 1078, Page 1290, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Certificate holders of Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2006-HE5, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Four Hundred Six Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$76,406.75), including interest 9.84% per annum.

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

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

The North half of the North half of the North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 4, Wells Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. Being the same property conveyed to Veronica K. Albin by deed from Stanley W. Albin recorded August 6, 1993 in Deed Book 645 Page 207, in Tuscola County, Michigan records. Commonly known as 1775 S Plain Rd, Caro MI 48723.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: FEBRUARY 26, 2007

U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for the Certificate holders of Asset Backed Securities Corporation Home Equity Loan Trust, Series OOMC 2006-HE5  
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd. Suite 100  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 844-5123  
Our File No: 07-65299

2-28-4

PURSUANT TO 15 USC §1692 YOU ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND THAT ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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

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

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

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

County Records.

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 26, 2007

Michael M. Grand, Esq.  
GRAND & GRAND PLLC  
31731 Northwestern Hwy, #151  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
(248) 538-3737

2-28-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Darold L. Allison, a single man, original mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgage, dated January 10, 2005 and recorded on January 25, 2005 in Liber 1025 on Page 300 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Six and 24/100 Dollars (\$196,136.24), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Front entrance to the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM, on March 15, 2007.

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

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner, Section 4, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 58 seconds East 1203.28 feet along the North-South 1/4 line to the point of beginning; running thence West 1116.60 feet; thence North 32 degrees 18 minutes 37 seconds West 418.83 feet along the centerline of Ellis Road; thence East 1347.06 feet; thence South 01 degrees 03 minutes 58 seconds West 354.04 feet along the North-South 1/4 line to the point of beginning, being part of the Southwest 1/4, Section 4, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, Millington Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, and containing 10.010 acres more or less including road right of way as shown.

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

Dated: February 14, 2007

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Attorneys for Servicer  
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2-14-4

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 7, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC S (248) 593-1304  
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jack A. Draves and Vikki L. Draves, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Mortgagee, dated October 13, 2005 and recorded on November 4, 2005 in Liber

1060 on Page 337 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Four and 06/100 Dollars (\$77,584.06), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

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

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

Lots 3 and 4 of Block 62 of the plat of the Village of Fostoria, according to the recorded plat thereof, recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Pages 44 and 45, now being Pages 45A and 46A, Tuscola County Records. Subject to a Tower Line Permit recorded in Liber 297 of deeds on Page 129, also subject to easements and rights of way of record.

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

Dated: February 21, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: FC R (248) 593-1305  
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Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025-5822  
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2-21-4

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

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

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 5th day of April, A.D., 2007, at 10:00 o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

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

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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.  
By: Michael I. Rich, (P-41938)  
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee  
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Susanne M Sheridan and Bruce Sheridan, her husband, as tenants by the entirety to Option One Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee, dated November 11, 2005 and recorded November 28, 2005 in Liber 1062 Page 873 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents (\$66,900.48), including interest 9.6% 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, front entrance of the Circuit Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI at 10:00AM on Thursday, March 8, 2007.

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

Commencing 50 rods West and 20 rods South of the Northeast corner of Section 1, Town 14 North, Range 8 East; thence South 10 rods; thence West 4 rods; thence North 10 rods; thence East 4 rods to place of beginning. Commonly known as 3127 Phelps St. Unionville MI 48767.

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

Dated: FEBRUARY 5, 2007

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT2,  
Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
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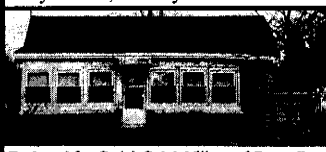
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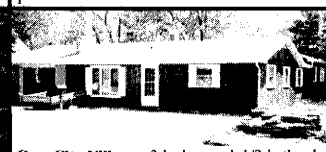
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**This 3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath Home** is Located on a Double Lot. Included is central air, full basement, 9'x9' shed and 2 car attached garage. This home is surrounded by many fruit trees. TCC1459 \$79,900



OWENDALE’S TIFFANY Kreh, 14 (left), and Pigeon’s Brianne Hockmuth, 16, take a hard spill while flying down Cass City’s sledding hill Sunday afternoon. Neither teen was seriously injured.

## Roes excited about new building

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week.”

The new building will be a major improvement on the old structures that were quickly reduced to rubble. The buildings were donated to the Cass City Downtown Development Authority (DDA) by local businessman Ray Armstead. The DDA, in turn, sold the property to the Roes for \$1 with the promise to remove the existing structures and construct a new building.

Rental units make great sense for the downtown area, according to Cass City Village Manager Peter Cristiano, who encouraged the Roes to consider investing in the project.

“It’s really going back to the way it was years ago,” Cristiano said. “The objective of residential on Main Street is that people would be on the Main Street and businesses would thrive and so on. We’re also talking with officials at Baker College because they want to initiate student housing. They feel that their enrollment can be stronger if they have student housing available, but that’s not set in stone.”

The Roes have also discussed the housing issue with Baker officials, according to Stefanie, a Cass City High School graduate who said her mother, Suzanne Humpert, was a former renter in one of the buildings that were recently demolished. Roe said her mom paid \$75 a month in rent back in the mid-1970s.

As for Roe and her husband, an Argyle area native and Deckerville High School graduate who formed Complete Concrete about 6 years ago, they are looking forward to finishing what they’ve started. They hope to have Village Center Townhomes ready for occupancy by the first of July.

Roe said everything, including the downtown location, worked out the way she and her husband had hoped. “We were looking for property in the area — we thought it would be a good investment. We were going to put

the building somewhere,” Roe said. “It’s going to look beautiful. It’s nice to improve Cass City, too. We’re excited about being able to help out there.”

More information about the apartment project is available by contacting the Roes by e-mail at [villagecentertownhomes@yahoo.com](mailto:villagecentertownhomes@yahoo.com), or by calling (989) 598-3674.



EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Abigail Deering of Uby hangs on tight while navigating the icy slopes of the sledding hill in Cass City.

## Deadline for ACT approaching

College-bound high school students can register by March 9 for the next national ACT test date.

The test will be administered nationwide on Saturday, April 14. Students who miss the March 9 deadline can do a late registration for an additional fee. The late registration deadline is March 23. Students can register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org), or they can get registration materials from high school counselors.

The ACT is accepted by all colleges and universities that use admissions tests in their application process. It’s an academic achievement test covering 4 subject areas: English, reading, mathematics and science. Students can choose to take the ACT with or without the optional writing test. The ACT costs \$29 without the writing test and \$43 with writing.

The majority of colleges don’t require a writing score, so students should check with the colleges they’re considering before registering for the test. The late registration fee is \$19.

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## Slash \$600 million in taxes

# Brown: incentives are key

State Rep. Terry Brown (D-Pigeon) recently announced a new tax incentive that will slash \$600 million in personal property taxes for businesses.

“We need an infusion of jobs in the Thumb and throughout Michigan, and this tax break will help attract successful businesses that need workers,” Brown said. “There is nothing more important than making sure that our residents have the opportunity to work at good-paying jobs in their communities. This plan goes a long way toward making that happen.”

“We have to do everything we can -

right now - to save Michigan residents from being left behind in the 21st century global economy.”

Brown’s plan would reduce the personal property tax that businesses pay by a total of \$600 million a year. Some business could pay up to 50 percent less in personal property taxes than they do now. The change would bolster existing businesses in the state while rewarding new ones that decide to make Michigan their home.

His bill is part of an economic growth package that includes a tax break for Michigan residents buying new cars.

The plan will save consumers an average of more than \$600 on the purchase of new vehicles and will give the struggling auto industry a much-needed boost. That part of the economic stimulus plan offers a total tax break of \$180 million.

“This plan puts cash back in the pockets of our hard-working residents while helping the auto industry at the same time,” Brown said. “Families will have more money to spend on necessities such as groceries, which in turn will help local businesses. Everybody wins.”



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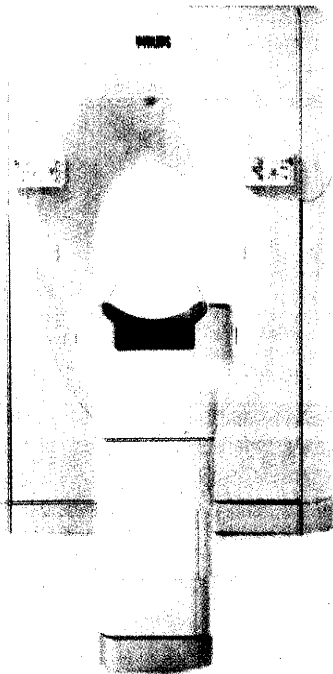
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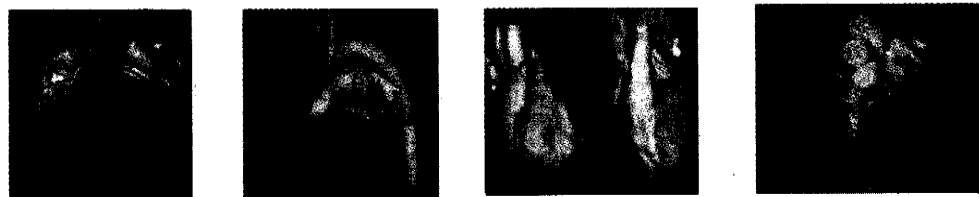


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