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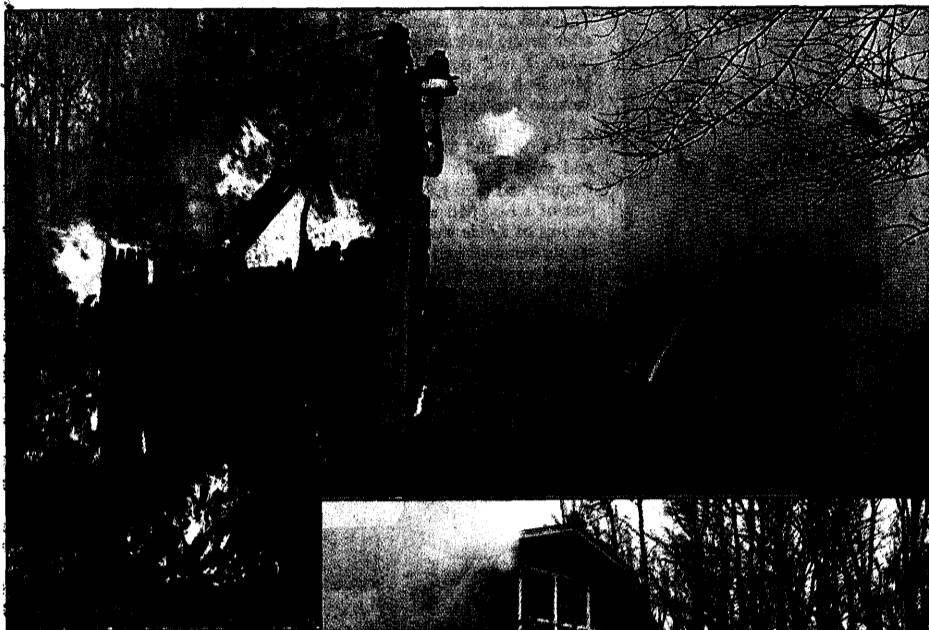
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CASS CITY, MICHIGAN - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007



SEVERAL area fire departments battled a Monday morning blaze that gutted Mike Russell's residence and leveled his garage on Severance Road, just west of Hadley Road, in Sanilac County's Evergreen Township.



Monday in Evergreen Township

Fire destroys home, garage

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

No one was injured, but a Cass City area family lost all of their belongings in an early Monday morning fire on Severance Road, just west of Hadley Road, in Sanilac County's Evergreen Township.

The Elkland Township Fire Department was one of 5 departments that sent trucks and several fire fighters to the Mike Russell residence, 6035 Severance Rd., shortly after 8 a.m. The Cass City department arrived to find Argyle Township firemen battling the blaze, but it was already too late. The home was little more than a burned out shell and the garage had been leveled.

Pawloski said none of the family members - Russell, his mother, Ruby Burk, and Russell's teenage son - were home when the blaze began. Fire

fighters were told that the last person to leave the residence left at 7 a.m.

Pawloski said the fire is believed to have been ignited by a wood burning stove in the garage, and the flames quickly spread to the residence.

"According to the estimates, everything was a total loss; the house, garage, everything," he noted, adding

preliminary figures set the value at \$160,000. Russell is insured, the fire chief said.

Elkland Township fire fighters remained at the scene for about 3 hours. They were assisted by the Argyle, Lamotte and Elmwood Township-Gagetown fire departments along with the Kingston Fire Department.

Christmas in the Village Saturday

Cass City's annual Christmas in the Village celebration will again offer families plenty of holiday fun Saturday, from a craft show to chili tasting to a parade and community gathering. Of course, Santa will make his arrival as well.

Cass City Chamber of Commerce officials have made a couple venue changes this year in hopes of making the day more enjoyable for all.

"Two of the biggest changes are the relocation of the craft show and the relocation of the community gathering," explained chamber Administrator Dee Mulligan. "Thanks to the hospitality of Baker College, we moved the craft show to the college in an attempt to keep people downtown and increase craft show floor traffic. Also, thanks to the generosity of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, we have moved the community gathering to the VFW hall, after the parade. This will make the evening more comfortable for our oldest and youngest community members, regardless of the weather."

In addition to the craft show, the annual chili cook-off returns from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at local businesses. Tasters purchase a map of all participating businesses and a voting ballot for \$2 at Chemical Bank, Thumb National Bank or Independent Bank.

Tasters then sample the different chilis and cast their ballots by 3 p.m.

A drawing will be held later for \$100 in "Cass City Cash" for all tasters who cast their ballots.

There will also be drawings for children's prizes, and free movie matinees at the Cass Theater Dec. 1 and Dec. 8.

"Last year we did a residential decorating contest. We're going to do that again this year, but we're also doing a business decorating contest," noted Mulligan, who said interested residents and businesses can register by calling her at 872-4618.

Shoppers in town Saturday are invited to register for an adult receipt drawing. After making a purchase at a local store, Mulligan explained that customers should write their names and phone numbers on their receipts and leave them at the business. The drawing will award one \$100 prize and 4 \$25 prizes.

The third annual Cass City Lighted Christmas Parade is scheduled to get underway at 6 p.m., with line-up starting at 4 p.m. in the village park near the football field. Trophies will be awarded in several categories, including commercial, family, best club/organization, and judge's choice.

The community gathering will begin at about 5 p.m. and will feature a host of activities - free bean soup and hot chocolate, free horse-drawn car-

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Council reviews budget

4% water and sewer rate hike scheduled

Cass City residents shouldn't see much of an increase on their tax bill next year, but higher sewer and water service fees are on the way under a proposed 2008 operating budget reviewed by village officials Monday night.

Village Manager Peter Cristiano presented a spending plan that he called conservative and realistic in its estimates, while tempered with financial caution.

"The major sources of revenue for all funds are property taxes, state revenue, fees, user fees and grants," Cristiano said. Adding, "We don't know what our state revenue sharing amount will be at this time."

Cristiano is anticipating a 2.3% increase in taxable value, which is based on the inflation rate, while state revenue sharing is expected to be stagnant, with no increases, or a slight decrease. The projected 2008 state revenue is slated to be \$277,233, exactly the same as 2007.

Officials estimate the rate for property tax revenue will remain unchanged in 2008 at 18.1387 mills. An owner of a house with a market value of \$80,000 and a taxable value of \$40,000 would pay an estimated amount of \$725.25.

General fund revenues for 2008 are estimated at \$1,404,793 and the proposed general fund expenditures are \$1,404,591, both slightly higher than last year.

Changes that will affect the budget include a 4% hike on water and sewer rates, which translates into an increase of \$1.59 on a minimum combined sewer and water bill. Additionally, a 2% pay increase for full-time employees ranging from \$16.53 - \$35.71 per hour is planned.

Among the 8 operating funds that comprise the Cass City Operating

Budget, the major street fund will see a continuance of the crack sealing of open joints on the village streets in 2008.

Cristiano reported that Brooker Street, from Main Street to Third Street; Fourth Street, from West Street to Vulcan Street; Vulcan Street, from Third Street to Garfield Avenue; and Third Street, from Brooker Street to West Street will be asphalt capped, while Church Street, from Seeger Street to Brooker Street will be reconstructed.

The village's motor vehicle & improvement fund has scheduled the purchase of a police car, dump truck, wood chipper and a set of gang mowers in 2008.

Cristiano said copies of the 2008 proposed budget can be obtained at the Rawson Memorial Library and encourages residents to review all of the council's budget proposals before the public hearing date for its approval slated for December 10 at 7 p.m.

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School board okays bond extension vote

Cass City School officials have formally approved a plan to ask voters to extend an existing debt millage in an effort to raise more than \$7 million over a 3-year period to tackle a number of capital/facility improvements.

The board of education, meeting in regular session Monday night, voted unanimously in favor of the plan.

Voters will be asked in May to extend the millage levy previously approved to fund construction of the new middle school. That levy, 3.25 mills, is currently slated to expire in 2009.

School Supt. Ron Wilson said the bond vote next spring, if approved, would not increase taxes, but rather extend the tax levy for an additional 12 years, generating roughly \$7.2 million. For the owner of a home with a market value of \$100,000, the tax bill is about \$325 annually.

Wilson said the goal of the proposal

is to maintain and repair the district's existing facilities, not to construct new ones. Examples of needed upgrades, he said, include replacement of portions of the Campbell Elementary School roof that are now more than 20 years old. The school's boiler system is also badly in need of replacement. In addition, there are other needs, such as bus purchases and technology upgrades.

Although school officials have outlined a number of needed repairs/equipment replacements, the scope of the work has not yet been defined.

Towards that end, an ad hoc committee composed of parents and other community members along with school representatives met last week to prioritize various projects. Wilson asked board members Monday to add their input, saying he will compile all of the opinions and return with a list

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THE ANNUAL CASS CITY Community Thanksgiving Dinner, held Thursday at the Cass City United Methodist Church, was deemed another success by event Coordinator Scott Mills, who reported there was both enough food and enough volunteers to set up, serve and clean up. Organizers said 180 meals were served along with 40 carry-out orders throughout the afternoon. A crew of some 40 volunteers was also on hand to make sure the event ran smoothly.

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Calendar of Events

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

Thursday, November 29

AA meeting, 7-8 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. For more information, call (989) 872-4816.
Seniors' Lunch, noon, Shabbona United Methodist Church.

Friday, November 30

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

Saturday, December 1

Young Adult Christmas Craft, 10-11 a.m., Rawson Memorial District Library.
Tom Thumb Singers present their 25th annual concert, "Sing Noel", at the Cass City United Methodist Church, 1 1/4 miles north of the spotlight in Cass City. No tickets required. A free will offering will be accepted. Everyone is invited! Barrier free. Saturday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m.
Cass City Red Hawk PTO Luncheon during Christmas in the Village Baker College Craft Show, 11-3:30 p.m. Lasagna, homemade bread, BBQ beef sandwiches, chips, salad, beverages, Red Hawk memorabilia. \$4 per plate.
Sanilac Community Symphonic Band Christmas Concert, 7 p.m., Sanilac Career Center on Aitken Rd. (south of Sandusky, east of M-19). There will be door prizes and refreshments. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted.

Sunday, December 2

The Cass City Ministerial will hold its annual Community Christmas Hymn Sing, 6 p.m., Evangelical Free Church, 6430 Chestnut Blvd., Cass City. For more information, call 872-5060.
Gagetown United Methodist Brunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All you can eat. \$5 donation.

Monday, December 3

Alcoholics Anonymous, "Monday at a Time," 8 p.m., Parkside Cafe, 2031 Main St., Uby. For additional information, call Angela R. at (989) 658-2319.
Novesta Township Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4

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

Wednesday, December 5

United Sportsmen's Alliance Annual Venison Tasting Contest, 7 p.m., Sebewaing Sportsmen's Club, Sebewaing. All are invited to attend. For more information, call (989) 872-2398.

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Dec. 8 - Christmas Home Tour, 1-5 p.m.

Dec. 17 - Christmas Sing-along, 7 p.m.

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Zachary and Brandy Sutter

Wielen, Sutter exchange vows

Brandy Marie Wielen of Bay City and Zachary Kyle Sutter of Bay City, formerly of Deford, were married Oct. 6, 2007 at the home of the bride's father. Pastor Mike Luce officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of William and Joan Wielen of Munger and Norma Thompson of Essexville. The groom is the son of Connie and William Roemer Sr. of Deford and David Sr. and Leticia Sutter of Caro.

The bride's attendants were Alyssa Wielen, sister-in-law of the bride; and Elizabeth Tromba, friend of the bride. The best man was David Sutter, Jr., brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Joe Pollack, friend of the groom.

An outdoor buffet dinner was served following the ceremony. Guests came from Michigan, Missouri and Florida. The couple resides in Bay City.

Dementia program set

What better way to start the holiday season than with a little educational humor?

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, the Human Development Commission (HDC) will be hosting "You're Only Old Once! Aging in a Healthful Way." The light-hearted program is intended for anyone dealing with or wanting to learn more about Alzheimer's Disease, dementia or depression.

In his 80s, Dr. Seuss made light of growing older in writing a book for "obscure children." The book, entitled "You're Only Old Once!", injects humor in many of the issues we all contend with as we age. This program sticks true to that lighthearted theme, but still shares valuable information concerning some important topics.

Guest speaker Dr. Weiner, M.D. from the Thumb Geriatric Clinic, will share information on aging, memory loss and caregiving. Stacie Fishell from the Alzheimer's Association will present "Maintain Your Brain", and Kim Wasik of HDC will talk about steps to healthy mental health.

The program begins with 10:30 a.m. registration and will conclude by 3 p.m. at Northwood Meadows, 6086 Beechwood Dr., Cass City. A soup and salad lunch will be provided, and there will also be door prizes, informational booths, and plenty of time for questions and answers. Free and confidential dementia and/or depression screenings will be available on site as well.

To assist with lunch arrangements, those planning to attend are asked to make reservations by Friday, Dec. 7 by calling HDC at (989) 673-4121 or 1-800-6394.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Carpenter of Caro where they celebrated Jessica Carpenter's 17th birthday.

Mrs. Melvin Particka came home Thursday from Beaumont Hospital after having back surgery.

Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson visited Thelma Jackson Tuesday.

Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz, Marie Grifka, Mr. and Mrs. David Grifka and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rumpitz and family, Mrs. Bob Jackson of Uby, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Adams of Kinde were among many family members and friends who attended a pre-wedding celebration for Amy Mergle and Ryan Roth Sunday at the Bahama Breeze Restaurant in Troy. They had a Hawaiian theme with Hawaiian music and food. The celebration was hosted by Amy's mom and sisters and Ryan's mom and dad. Amy and Ryan will be married December 21 in Hawaii. Amy is the granddaughter of Vivian Rumpitz and the late Clarence Rumpitz of Uby.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski attended the ham and sausage dinner at the Ruth K of C Hall Sunday.

The Young Ideas Farm Bureau group met at Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Heleski's Tuesday evening. Cards were played and prizes were given to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wolschlag. The Christmas party will be November 30th at Cousins in Bad Axe.

Jim and Kay Sweeney spent a couple days at Mackinac.

The Traveling Breakfast Club met at the Peppermill in Bad Axe Thursday morning. They will meet at the Coffee Cup Plus next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson brought in dinner for Thelma Jackson's 93rd birthday.

I would like to thank my relatives and friends who sent me cards and gifts and came to see me on my birthday. I really appreciated it and the chocolate cake and candy. Thelma

It's a boy!

Nichole Ulven and Anthony Rolston announce the birth of their son, Landen James Ulven.

Landen was born June 28, 2007 at Huron Medical Center, Bad Axe. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

His grandparents are Debra Cartwright and Arthur Dries. Godparents are Dan and Arlean Hoppe.

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Rabbit Tracks

by John Haire

(And anyone else he can get to help)

It happened at the regular meeting of the Cass City Rotary Club and provided a laugh-filled moment for the members.

Good natured needling is a favorite pastime at Rotary and an incident last week provided a chuckle for everyone. The first of 5 weekly drawings for \$100 was held prior to the major drawings for \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 slated Dec. 18.

The first weekly winner was Toby Weaver. The check was handed over to member Mike Weaver, who joked that his wife would never hear about her good fortune.

That was a rare opportunity for Roger Marshall, who immediately called Toby on his cell phone to inform her that she had won the \$100.

With friends like this, who needs enemies?

Deer season has replaced pheasant season as the most important to the economy and you don't have to be a senior citizen (although it helps) to remember the banner days for pheasants in the Thumb.

Thinking about the change sparked a few memories, and if you remember them you are most certainly a senior citizen.

• There was no mail delivery to homes in the village.

• Saturday night was the BIG business day and often stores were open past 9 p.m.

• Dairy herds of 100 cows were among the largest.

• Party line phones were more common outside of town than one-party lines.

• Cass City started working towards making the village "Christmas Town" and the merchants and volunteers did all of the work.

• Cass City played Caro in football and held its own.

Incidentally, if you have memories of changes over the years, pass them on to us together with your name and telephone number and we will pass them on to everyone.

Hunter shot in groin while driving deer in Huron Co.

A group deer hunt on state land in Huron County's Verona Township ended with one hunter suffering a shotgun wound late Saturday afternoon.

Huron County Sheriff Kent D. Tibbits reported that a 45-year-old Goodells man was airlifted to a Flint area hospital after being shot in an apparent hunting accident.

"Twelve hunters were doing a 'deer drive' on state land. A deer ran in between the victim and 2 other hunters in his hunting party," Tibbits explained in a news release. "The 2 hunters shot at the deer and were unaware that the victim was behind the deer."

The Goodells man was shot in the groin area and was transported to the Huron Medical Center by Central Huron Ambulance. Tibbits said he was then airlifted to Flint. Information on his condition was not available.

The Haire Net

Problems with stem cell, athlete news



A pair of problems that caught our attention when published and it's sure that the majority has an opinion, if not a conviction, about. Here's the way it looks from the corner of Oak and Main.

Sometimes a headline in the paper can bring a warm glow. One in a recent issue of a Detroit daily created a smile because it anticipated a better life was closer ahead. The headline read "STEM CELLS: Scientists celebrate breakthrough".

Most folks are aware that stem cells are regarded as the "miracle" source of a way to cure diseases such as diabetes and spinal cord injuries and as the years pass other now-incurable ills.

What has scientists so enthusiastic is that the breakthrough is proof that you can use skin cells to take on the characteristics of embryo cloning.

After you digest this good news and mentally applaud the scientific community, you'd better stop reading because if you don't the glow loses much of its intensity.

Delve into the details and it's still great, but not as wonderful as the headline scanner would assume. Yes, it's good news but it is almost certain that it won't help injury-plagued patients if they are late middle age or older.

Despite this advance, experts say don't expect to see new treatments anytime soon. It's expected to be years before cell treatments are devised and the cells would be used first for lab studies.

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In the headlines last week was another chapter in the unending story of what the requirements should be for a high school student to be eligible for extra curricular (sports) activity.

The state minimum for participation is 4 Ds and 2 Fs, but schools are allowed to make eligibility rules higher than the minimum if they desire. In Cass City for instance, the policy is that students have no failures and averages are computed on current grades, not on marks earned in previous semesters. That means that a student could have a failing grade, but recovers and posts a C average to bring his mark up to a D and not lose eligibility. The deciding factor is that the student at the time of participation has no failures.

Although not a factor in the drive by backers to upgrade eligibility requirements, there is a citizenship requirement at Cass City. Ratings are on a 1-5 basis and students with a pair of 2s, or worse, are ineligible. Supporters of higher standards and those who endorse minimum standards for eligibility have been warring over 50 years and the reasons for the approvals or the objections have not changed much over the years.

Nearly all persons that do not want the state to raise the minimum requirements start with the argument that without a chance to play because of grades, the student will drop out. The counter argument is that in today's competitive world it's essential that students get better education and not be allowed to slip through with unacceptable grades.

There is a wide difference between requirements at various high school districts from a tough C or better to the state minimum. What makes it right is that each district can set its standards that can be changed, in effect, by the demands of the residents of the district.

Lansing hasn't done a bang-up job in handling school affairs up to this point and it doesn't appear that this will change much for the better.



The back forty

by Roger Pond

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Here's a story describing a study about picky eaters and kids with neophobia (fear of new foods). This research suggests picky eating is genetic, and parents should not blame themselves for their kids' poor eating habits. The message to parents is, "It's not your cooking. It's your genes," according to the story.

I find this similar to the little boy with a "D" on his report card. The boy shows the card to his Dad and says, "What do you think, Dad? Is it environment or heredity?"

I've always thought there are two kinds of picky eaters, those who actually don't like something, and those who have their parents wrapped around their little fingers. The newspaper story mentions a woman who prepares separate meals for everyone in the family and another couple whose little boy hates fruits and vegetables so much he once fainted at the smell of orange juice.

Can you imagine? Having your mom prepare a separate meal to avoid eating something you don't especially like? Anyone who tried that when I was a kid would have been called "toothpick" for the rest of his life.

I do remember a cousin who would take the crust off his bread before he ate it. When this cousin was about nine he decided he would only drink "Whitehouse" milk. Whitehouse was distributed from Dayton, Ohio and advertised by Hop-a-long Cassidy.

One day my cousin ran out of Whitehouse milk while visiting at our farm. Our town didn't have a big selection of groceries, and my cousin's mother became very concerned about where she might find some Whitehouse milk. Luckily enough

calmer minds prevailed.

We had an empty Whitehouse bottle — and 300 gallons of milk in the bulk tank at the barn. Suddenly there was another bottle of Whitehouse milk in the fridge, and everyone was happy.

Kids don't have to eat everything, of course. Our grandchildren might be a good example. Two of them will eat most anything, and the third is a little more choosy. Grandson Henry doesn't like deviled eggs, for example, while his twin sister Hannah loves them.

I made a batch of deviled eggs for a barbecue when the twins were about six. Henry had tried them before, and I knew he didn't like them. Imagine my surprise to look over and see a deviled egg on Henry's plate! (Little did I know his grandmother put the egg there).

Hannah was going on about how good the deviled eggs were — while Henry just ate around his. Finally, his sister said, "Boy these eggs are good," and Henry said, "You want another one?"

Our third grandchild, Dema (pronounced Deema), spent his first three years in an orphanage in the Ukraine. I'd be willing to bet there aren't any picky eaters at the orphanage.

Demas will eat anything. When Demas first arrived in the U.S. we had to hide food to keep him from making himself sick. Now he eats more slowly, and he loves deviled eggs.

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"The Maroon and White"

by Lauren Hudson

It has been a whole year since my first Pioneer Drum and Bugle Corps camp. Pioneer recently again had its camp and banquet, and returning to the first camp of the new season reminded me of my first camp ever.

The 8-hour car ride to Milwaukee was nerve racking. "What would drum corps people be like?" "Would the vets (veterans) like me?" "Do I have what it takes to be in Pioneer?" And the worst thought of all... "Will I be cut from the corps?" When my mom and grandpa and I had reached Milwaukee (well, technically Cudahy, a city outside of Milwaukee) the first thing they did, since we were early, was check into their hotel. I was so nervous, I had paced and wrung my hands and even sung a little bit to try and keep my nerves down. But no such luck.

When we had reached the school, I was very shy and timid while meeting some of the staff (teachers for the corps, also called "techs"). We were still very early because the busload of Pioneers hadn't come back from O'Hare in Chicago yet. Amanda Burton, a visual staff member, greeted me and told me not to worry about corps. She told me that corps is very special and helps the individual grow to become a better person. "Corps is very hard," I remember her telling me, "but in the end, when you march off the field at the end of the season, you'll find that all the work was worth it." At the time I didn't quite understand her. I thought I did, but now I realize I did not.

Later on, members of the hornline met in the band room to register instruments and warm-up. I was a bit confused. All the vets were looking for "their" horn. Their horn? I thought it was the corps' horns? Eric Benzing, a baritone vet, told me that after a summer, or many summers, of performing on the same exact horn you feel like it's your horn. I couldn't understand him.

I was handed a baritone and told that it was keyed in "G". What? I guess in laymen's terms, the horn didn't sound normal when played. The thing was HEAVY! I couldn't

believe I would have to suffer through an entire summer with a horn weighing about 15 pounds!! And corps hold up their horns forever and ever and ever and ever.

I went to sleep that night, in my sleeping bag on the cold, hard gym floor, wondering what in the world had I gotten myself into! How can I ever survive a whole summer doing this? I woke up the next morning to Alex Wilga, the drum major at the time, announcing something that I would learn was his famous wake-up call, "Gggggoooooood morning Pioneer! It is 7 o'clock, breakfast will be ready at 8, and stretch is at 7:30!"

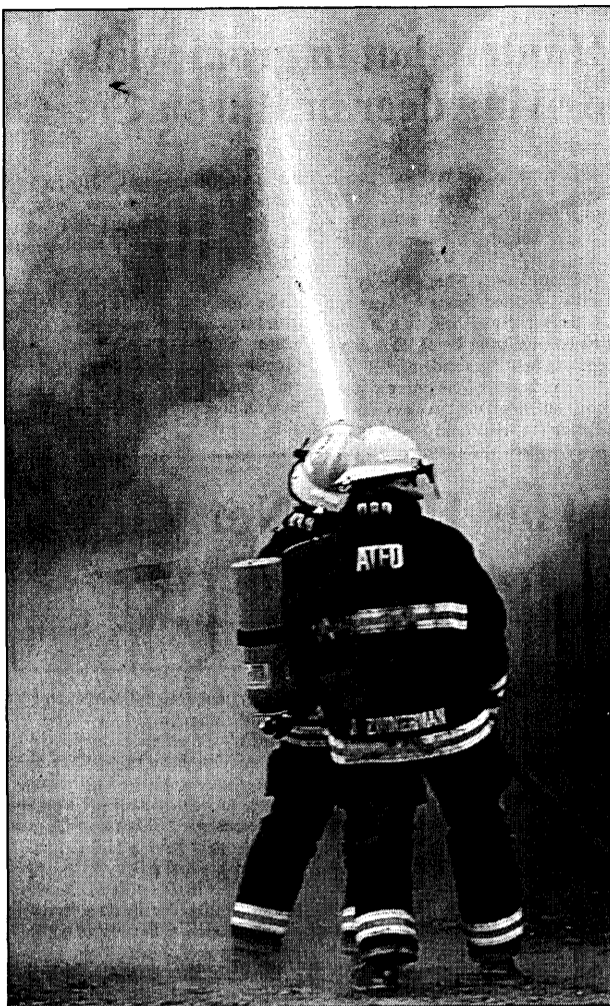
Being called a Pioneer filled me with hope for the day. I loved the camp. And that night the old corps of 2006 had their banquet and traditional bonfire. I knew they were a family, I knew that they had traditions, and I knew that a special magic happened that night at the bonfire, as the vets (some new, some old) burned a memento from their summer. I say their summer, because it wasn't mine. I hadn't sweated, bled, cried, laughed, hugged, enjoyed, and loved every moment of the summer yet. I didn't understand; how could I possibly understand?

Today, I tell all you rookies that are thinking about corps and maybe having some doubts. Don't have doubts. Do drum corps. Drum corps is one of the best things you will ever do. I love this activity. I love Pioneer!

I showed many people back here that I was able to do corps and survive it! I sweated that summer, I bled that summer, my knee throbbled that summer, I laughed that summer, I hugged that summer. I loved that summer.

I would give mostly anything to march again; I even talked to a few of the head staff members about me trying out for section leader for this next season because I feel like my love for Pioneer will influence the rookies to love Pioneer.

Editor's note: anyone interested in contributing towards Hudson's 2008 tour fees can learn more by contacting her at (989) 551-5708.



FIRE FIGHTERS from Argyle, Lamotte, Elmwood and Kingston assisted Cass City firemen at the scene of Monday morning's house fire in Sanilac County's Evergreen Township. (See story, page one)

Scholarships go to 3 local teens

Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City, as a member of and in cooperation with the International Order of the Golden Rule (OGR) and the English Department at Cass City High School, recently offered a scholarship program. "Especially through the efforts of Mr. Dennis Meck the program was offered to all interested senior class students, said Thabet Funeral Home owner Dwight Thabet.

"The theme of this program was 'Why Families Matter' and involved writing a 500-1000 word essay in conjunction with the International Order of the Golden Rule designating October 2007 as Family Appreciation Month.

The winners of the scholarships were Lauren Meck, first place; Rebecca Doerr, second place; and Jennifer Zmierski, third place. Each of the students will receive their scholarship upon verification of their college enrollment.

OGR is a professional association of local, family owned funeral homes. Thabet Funeral Home, as a member, offered the following scholarships: \$500 to the first place essay, \$200 to the second place essay, and \$100 to the third place essay.

The first place essay will be submitted to OGR to be judged in the national contest, for which a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Chicago in April is awarded to the first place winner of the national contest along with the student's parents. The scholarship is funded by Aurora Casket Company.

"This program helps to stress how important it is for families to stay close and to regularly express their love and appreciation," said Thabet. "As funeral home owners, we see evidence of this daily, with family

members depending on each other for emotional support during the most stressful of times. Family Appreciation Month gives us an opportunity to reach out to our neighbors, and especially to our young people, with a positive message about family appreciation, and a chance for us to give back to our community," he added.

Program to target young Huron drivers

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for persons 15 to 20 years of age, which has prompted the Michigan Sheriff's Association and Huron County Sheriff Kent D. Tibbitts to offer the STOPPED program to Huron County parents.

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"The Taste of Ink"

by Becca Troop

"I'm dreaming of a white Christmas..."

That phrase should be on everyone's mind, especially after the white Thanksgiving we received last Thursday. With only a few more days until the month of December, the craze for Christmas has already begun. Literally the day after Halloween, Christmas songs began to play on the radio.

As much as we love our own traditions for Christmas in America, many other countries also celebrate this holiday, but in a variety of different ways. Through information on Santa's net, I found out about many countries that celebrate Christmas completely different and yet they still keep the idea of Christmas in mind. Here are 3 countries that most stuck out, with their beautiful traditions around the world.

Holland has already begun to celebrate Christmas, or what it calls Sinterklaas Eve. Their version of St. Nicholas dresses in Bishop's robes and travels with his helper, Black Peter, in a boat. They are said to spend most of the year preparing lists of presents and writing every child's behavior in a very large book. Sound familiar?

The farmers in Holland blow long horns each evening at sunset during their Christmas period. They are blown over water wells to make the sound extremely loud, announcing the coming of Christmas. Sinterklaas Eve is celebrated Dec. 5 where presents are given and received. During this day the people are very religious and make visits to church. Afterwards, people sit around trees while singing carols and telling stories.

Australia, however, has a completely different temperature when they celebrate Christmas. While we celebrate Christmas in the Northern Hemisphere, Australians are baking in nearly 100 degrees Fahrenheit!

On Christmas Eve, Australians enjoy a tradition which began in 1937, Carols by Candlelight. On this occasion tens of thousands of people gather in the city of Melbourne to sing their favorite Christmas songs.

Each person brings a candle to light the night while singing under a beautiful sky.

During the actual day of Christmas, Australians have their traditional dinner at midday on a local beach. Their meals include a turkey dinner, with ham and pork. They also dine on a delicious flaming Christmas plum pudding for dessert. These puddings used to contain a gold nugget during the time of the Australian gold rushes. Today a small favor is baked inside; whoever finds it knows they will enjoy good luck.

Australians use a Christmas Bush, a native plant, which has little red flowered leaves to celebrate this holiday. Also, at many beaches, Santa Claus arrives on a surfboard, or even on a surf lifesaving boat.

In Greece, they celebrate Christmas more related to the sailors. St. Nicholas is known in Greece as the patron saint of sailors. His clothes are drenched with brine, his beard drips with seawater, and his face is covered with perspiration because he's been working hard against the waves to reach sinking ships and rescue them from the angry sea. Each Greek ship has some sort of St. Nicholas icon on board before they leave port.

Christmas is highly looked forward to because of the 40 days of fasting before the holiday. Pigs are slaughtered and there are loaves of christopomo, Christ Bread, on almost every table. Christ bread is made in large loaves in various shapes, which are engraved and decorated in some way that reflects the family's profession.

On the actual day of Christmas, very few presents are given to each other. More charitably, small gifts are given to hospitals and orphanages. These gifts are exchanged Jan. 1, St. Basil's Day.

Each of these different countries had traditions similar to what we celebrate here in America, but also completely diverse. Taking a look at other cultures and civilizations can give you an idea of how many other people are out there in the world, no one is alone on these special holidays in which we all come together.



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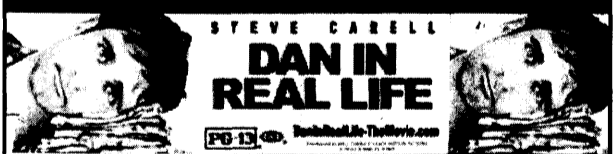
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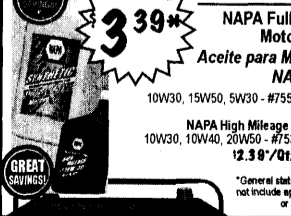
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Information program set on crop trials

An informational meeting has been planned to share the results of field trials conducted in the Thumb area during the 2007 crop season.

The event, called Thumb Ag Review, is slated for Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 8:30 a.m. until noon at the Sanilac County Conference Room, 37 Austin St., Sandusky.

The program, organized by MSU Extension in conjunction with the Corn Growers Association and supporting agribusinesses, will highlight trials for corn, soybeans and wheat. Growers are asked to call the Sanilac County MSU Extension Office at (810) 648-2515 to pre-register.



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Homecoming

McLaughlin returns to his alma mater as principal

by Tom Montgomery
Editor

As a student at Kingston High School, Mike McLaughlin did an admirable job of avoiding trips to the principal's office.

Today, 17 years later, McLaughlin spends a lot of time in that office, and he couldn't be more thankful. He's the new principal at Kingston High School.

"I can honestly say I was never once in this office till I got the job," joked McLaughlin, a Kingston native and 1990 Kingston High School graduate who was hired to fill a vacancy left when the school board hired former Principal Joe Murphy to serve as the district's new superintendent. McLaughlin, 35, has been serving in his new position since July.

McLaughlin acknowledged he never dreamed of returning to his alma mater to teach, let alone work as an administrator. The fact is, he says, it all happened much the same way he decided to enter the field of education — the pieces simply all fell together and he knew it was the right career for him.

"When I got out of high school, I never really thought about being a teacher. The criminal justice field is where I got started," McLaughlin recalled.

After graduating from high school, McLaughlin attended classes for a year at Albion College, where he also applied his physical skills on the school's football team — at Kingston, he was a standout athlete in football and basketball. He then moved on to Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU).

He said his time on SVSU's basketball squad led him to education because the school's coach required his players to put in some volunteer time in schools, working with young students.

"That was really my first experience with kids," McLaughlin said. He went

on to spend 4 of his college years working as a teacher and counselor at Pioneer Work and Learn Center in Vassar, a medium security facility for troubled youth.

McLaughlin recalled those years as being a great experience and said he knew he wanted to teach. "It's fun to see kids learning — the lightbulb goes on — to grow and mature," he said. "I just felt it's something to do to make a difference."

After earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Science and a master's degree in educational leadership at SVSU, he accepted an elementary teaching position in the Peck School District, a job he kept for 8 years before school officials there offered him the job of elementary principal. He served in that role for 2 years.

McLaughlin recalled it was a principal in the Peck district who encouraged him to consider administrative work, something he hadn't considered before.

"When I got my first teaching job, I thought, I love it. I'll be here forever," said McLaughlin, who also continued to enjoy his love of sports by coaching varsity basketball for 10 years and varsity football for 6 years at Peck High School.

"I was very happy at Peck and enjoyed it," he continued. "When I heard about the opening (at Kingston High School), I thought about it, pondered it. So, I came back and interviewed for it and couldn't be happier."

McLaughlin said administration has given him a much broader view when it comes to ensuring a quality education for students.

"As a teacher, you're so focused on educating 'your' kids, you don't see the whole picture. You don't see how it all fits in. From a principal's perspective, you do," he added, noting that as an administrator, his priorities are to make sure each student leaves the district with a strong foundation in areas such as reading and

writing, as well as a direction for their future careers.

"That's the fun part — helping kids along that journey, and it's not just 'your' kids, it's all of them," he said.

McLaughlin also places an emphasis on working with his staff and encouraging networking among them through meetings and other ways that enable teachers to share ideas and suggestions to make the most of their time in the classroom. By doing that, he said, the kids are the winners because they receive the best education possible.

Asked about what it's like to work in the same school he attended years earlier, and to return to the same community he knew as a youngster, McLaughlin admitted it has been interesting. The teaching staff includes a couple of educators who graduated the same year as he did. A pair of board of education members were also members of Kingston's Class of 1990.

"The neat thing about small towns is, good or bad, everybody knows each other, and it's kind of comforting knowing everybody. People are very friendly here," he said.

As for taking on the role as an authority figure, McLaughlin recalled meeting with his students on the first day and discussing his expectations for them — that they demonstrate class, character and respect, and be dedicated to their studies. At the same time, he understands that all young people make mistakes, and when they do, he tries to redirect their behavior.

Interacting with students may have been a bit awkward at first, as it is anytime a new principal is hired, he said, "but now it's pretty easy. The kids are outstanding, they're respectful."

McLaughlin also encourages interest shown by parents and other school district residents in the education students are receiving.

"One of my big joys is when I get community members in here. The community wants to know what's going on in the school, and I welcome them," he said.

McLaughlin understands that interest, both as an educator and as a parent. His wife, Rachelle, is also employed in education as a teacher at Capac Elementary School, and the couple have 2 children, Michael, 6, and Kristen, 5.

Balancing career and family life can be a challenge for a school administrator, who must balance daily job responsibilities with attendance at a variety of extracurricular activities ranging from athletic events to band concerts, but McLaughlin indicated he's enjoyed meeting that challenge.

"When you look at it from the standpoint of the hours I'm here, you really have to enjoy being in the school in general, and I really do," he said.

Down Memory Lane

By Harmony Doerr



5 YEARS AGO

Mike Mandich presented a photo of John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Bouvier he purchased at an auction about 3 months ago to fellow Owendale area resident Harold Church last week. The photo was a personal gift to Church from the Kennedy family, whom Church shared a friendship with after meeting John F. Kennedy in Wisconsin in the late 1950s.

About 56,000 Americans are over 100 years old.

Adam T. Dorland of Cass City has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honor Society and was individually honored during a campus ceremony at Central Michigan University. "It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Adam be recognized by Golden Key," said Alexander D. Perwich II, Golden Key executive director. "Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments but also to make a positive impact on our world through the society's commitment to service."

10 YEARS AGO

Plans for opening the new middle school building and its dedication were finalized at the regular Cass City District board meeting Monday night at Deford Elementary School. The move from the current building will be completed Dec. 17-18 under a unique plan that calls for volunteer help from parents and other interested district residents to move the furnishings. Supt. Ken Micklash stressed that once a grade's furniture is moved, the students will immediately start classes in the new building.

A state-of-the-art MRI imaging center will be open for business in the Thumb in just a few weeks following the delivery of a vital - and heavy - piece of equipment. A large superconducting magnet used in Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) was delivered Friday at the center, located in the former Wildwood Restaurant on M-53 just south of M-81. A crane was used to hoist the 6,000-pound magnet, which is the heart of the MRI system. "It's shaping up. We should be up and running by the first of the year," said Christopher Richards, vice president of sales and marketing for American Diagnostic Medicine, Inc., which will provide management services to the MRI Center, including staffing, scheduling, billing, collections and marketing, as well as overseeing the day-to-day operations of the facility.

25 YEARS AGO

Grace Kelly was the first movie actress to appear on a postage stamp. She and Prince Rainier of Monaco, her husband, were featured on one

in 1956 in commemoration of their marriage.

This was not the best of years for the Owen-Gage girls' basketball team, but compared to last year, it was a big improvement. Coach Judy Campbell's team finished the season Nov. 22 with a 50-27 loss to league champion North Huron in the district tournament. It compiled a 6-15 season mark and was 5-12 in the North Central D league. "We did alright," said Miss Campbell. "Our league was really tough and a lot of teams ended up in the middle."

What Coach Russ Biefer would like to see strolling into the Cass City High School gym this winter is a couple of large sized students. For the Hawks are short of people to fill in the heavier weight classes on its wrestling team. Bob Walters at 185 pounds is the biggest man on the squad. That means that it's probable that several of the heavier weight classes will be open, creating automatic forfeits in these weight classes. While there are shortages in the heavier weights, there is no shortage of candidates for the team. We have a lot of sophomores and freshmen on the squad, Biefer said, and that indicates better teams in the years ahead.

35 YEARS AGO

Overlooking how many of her stu-

dents have made it big, Mrs. Malvina Profit pointedly said she felt she has helped make a lot of good solid citizens, and that's the important thing about teaching. A teacher of 32 years, Mrs. Profit will retire at the end of the coming school semester, leaving a job she has loved despite the hardships and strains. Mrs. Profit seems to bubble with the same enthusiasm she attributes to her third grade students. A short, stout woman with silvery-gray hair and shining eyes, Mrs. Profit explained that she liked the third grade best of all and was thankful she was assigned to that age group 14 years ago. "They're old enough to be independent but young enough to still think the teacher is pretty smart," she chuckled.

A freak doe was shot accidentally by Lee Kilbourn, 20, of Deford, when he thought it was a buck. The small rack on the animal shows 10 points. He took the deer at 4 p.m. Saturday east of Cass City. It's the second doe with antlers reported shot this season.

At his age you'd think Rayford Thorpe would have more consideration. For that little piece of trivia I wrote about him and two radios last week he brought me a cigar. He knows darn well that I quit smoking, too. He could have been more brutal...like bringing me a candy bar or a sack of peanuts...or didn't I tell you I'm dieting again? (From Rabbit Tracks)



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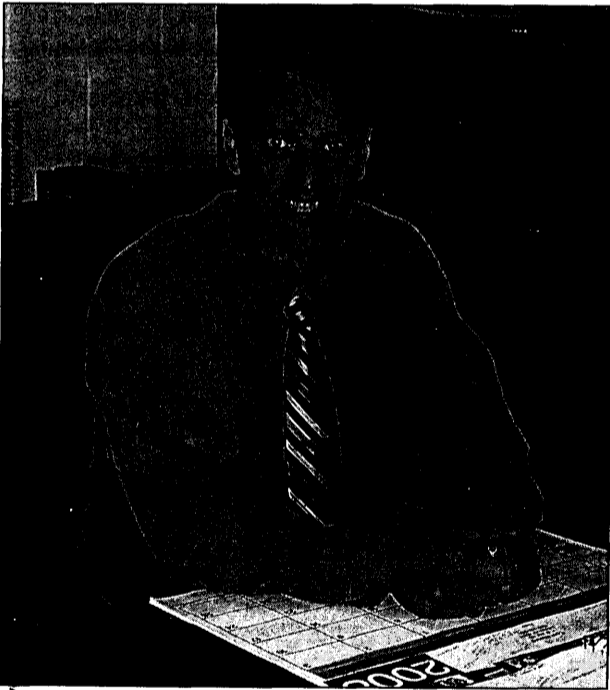
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Red Hawk wrestling team kicks off season tonight in Imlay City

Over the last 22 years that coach Don Markel has been at the helm of the Cass City High School wrestling program, he can point with pride to one achievement - maintaining the interest and the student participation in the sport. This season there are 24 on the squad.

Over more than 2 decades he has coached some very good teams and then weathered the rebuilding years

to bounce back to the top again. This year is expected to be a rebuilding year, as Markel points out that we lost a boatload of top talent last year. Kyle Sieradzki was a state qualifier with a 50-9 record and was league champion for 3 years and holds the school record for the most career victories with 175. Kyle Reif was a regional qualifier with a 44-15 record and his 148 career wins was estab-

lished as he earned the school record of wrestling in more varsity matches than any other wrestler in Cass City history. Andrew Peruski was a regional qualifier and league champion last season. He was 37-9 and posted a 110-52 career record. Jeremy Farr was 34-18 and was a 4-year starter with 104 career victories. Dennis Bowen was 45-10 and together with other seniors provided outstanding leadership. Also lost were senior starters Preston Stec, Ryan King and Zach Carter.

Markel expects some rough going in the early matches this season. He points out that 9 of his wrestlers have never wrestled in high school before. There are 5 starters from last year's 6-1 team returning. Junior Travis Mabe was a regional qualifier with a 33-17 record. Sophomore Zach McCreedy

posted a 20-6 record. Junior Clark Walsh was 29-21. Sophomore Kevven Dorland and senior Chris Wingett are the remaining starters.

Markel will turn to inexperienced wrestlers who backed up the graduated starters. They include T. J. Marker, sophomore; Bryan Burk, junior; Tim Sangster, senior; Dean Rabideau, sophomore; Eric Reif, sophomore; Eli Kelley, sophomore, and Abrien Swires, a senior who finished the season with a 19-7 record while splitting the position at the 285 pound class.

Markel says he expects Marlette and Mayville to be the teams to beat in the Greater Thumb Conference. Both have good programs and a proven track record. Brown City should be competitive.



NICK HOFFMAN used a muzzloader to down this 4-point buck on Nov. 16th. The Ugly area youth said, "I hit it in the spine and it ran about 15 yards and dropped."

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Dec. 1	Cros-Lex Invite	8:30 a.m.
Dec. 5	Almont/Armada	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	Marlette Invite	8:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Mayville	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	Caro/Meridian	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 5	N. Branch Invite	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 12	Port Huron Northern	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 16	Nouvel/Lakers	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	Mayville Invite	8:00 a.m.
Jan. 23	Marlette/Bad Axe	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 26	Marysville Invite	9:00 a.m.
Jan. 30	Mayville/Sandusky	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 2	Standish/Sterling Invite	9:00 a.m.
Feb. 9	League Tourney @ BC	TBA
Feb. 14	Team District	TBA
*Home games are in bold		



Ashleigh Stoeckle



Angela Lounsbury

Sisters earn awards at MSU

Ashleigh Stoeckle and Angela Lounsbury recently attended the All American Buckskin Congress held at the Michigan State University Pavilion. Registered buckskin and all breed horses from around the mid west attended to compete for top honors.

The Cass City sisters exhibited "TC Dunit Without" their 3-year-old red dun gelding. They had a great show, placing in all classes. Ashleigh was

the reserve champion in the 14-18 Hunter under saddle class.

TC Dunit Without was also the champion in the 3-year-old western pleasure congress futurity. He was ridden by Kirk Langley of Port Austin.

Ashleigh and Angela are the daughters of Mark and Carol Stoeckle, Cass City.

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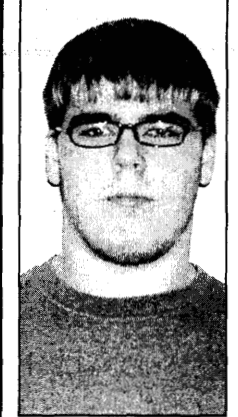
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Walitalo highlights Cass City's GTW all star picks

It didn't take long for gridiron coaches in the Greater Thumb West to value the efforts of Cass City's Jesse Walitalo.

The Red Hawk tackle was named to the GTW all-conference first team on both offense and defense for the 2007 season. Walitalo, 6' 3" and 230 pounds, transferred to the district from Baraga over the summer for his senior year.



Jesse Walitalo

receiving honorable mention recognition on defense.

The complete GTW all-conference selections are:

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE		
Josh Bierlien	QB	Reese
Anthony Goins	QB	EPBP
Brad Iskow	RB	Bad Axe
Kevin Bauer	RB	Reese
Lance HanHoost	RB	USA
Kelson Gettel	E	USA
Isaac Zimmer	E	Reese
Josh Deford	G	Reese
Carl Bednarski	G	USA
Jesse Walitalo	T	Cass City
David Reif	T	Reese
Jared Schroeder	C	Reese
Erik Kuhl	K	USA
SECOND TEAM OFFENSE		
Will Tack	RB	Reese
Blake Messing	RB	Cass City
Chris Rowe	RB	EPBP
Luke Newton	E	Cass City
Ricky Phillips	E	BCAS
Trent Gascho	E	EPBP
Adam Smith	G	Bad Axe
Jacob Bierlien	G	Reese
Chad Kern	T	Reese
Tim Holland	T	USA
Derek Gainor	C	Bad Axe
Kevin Baurer	K	Reese

HONORABLE MENTION
Brandon Bitzer, USA; Brett Maurer, EPBP; Dan Fiting, Reese

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE		
Tyson Valentine	L	USA
Jesse Walitalo	L	Cass City
Chad Kern	L	Reese
Jon Francis	L	Reese
Mitch Houghteling	LB	Reese
Will Tack	LB	Reese
Brad Iskow	LB	Bad Axe
Lance VanHoost	LB	USA
Kevin Dubs	DB	EPBP
Ben Latocki	DB	BCAS
Isaac Zimmer	DB	Reese
Josh Bierlien	DB	Reese
Andrew Bauer	P	BCAS

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE		
Derek Saylor	L	Reese
David Reif	L	Reese
Evan Richardson	L	USA
Kevin Bisel	LB	BCAS
Mark Kwapiszewski	LB	BCAS
Tommy Parrish	LB	Cass City
Austin Babich	DB	Cass City
Heath Schmidt	DB	USA
Ryan Zimmer	DB	USA
Dan Fiting	DB	Reese
Will Tack	P	Reese

HONORABLE MENTION
Mark Koepf, Cass City; Heath Schmidt, USA; Cody Newell, Bad Axe; Josh Sutton, BCAS; Bill Marsrow, Reese.



CARO'S BRAD "Buck" Hartel took this high-beamed 8-pointer while hunting on private land in Huron County.



LADY LUCK

SABRINA WOOD bagged the buck of a lifetime hunting in Gladwin County on opening day of the 2007 firearm season. The 1986 Cass City graduate's 11-point trophy was aged at 5 1/2 years and had an 18" inside spread.

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Dickinson 224.

Team High Game & Series: Doerr

Landscaping 582 (1698).

Cass City cagers ready to roll

Lady Red Hawks short on numbers

The luxury of having a returning corps of veteran top-notch players to build the girls' basketball season around has ended. The Cass City Red Hawk cage squad is short on experience, short on numbers and short period.

The girls were scheduled to open the cage season at home Tuesday, battling a heavily favored Ubly squad. Friday the team plays at Brown City.

There are only 10 players on the varsity squad, including a pair that saw significant playing time last season. Junior Megan VanVliet, a good

Red Hawk boys open with Vassar

When Coach Aaron Fernald and his Cass City cagers take the floor Tuesday night in Vassar for their season opener, expect to see several new faces competing for playing time.

Graduation losses from last year's squad, that finished 14-8 overall and 6-4 in the Greater Thumb West, are significant. Sure to be missed during the 2007-08 campaign are Brad Hartel and Andrew Martin. Hartel was the team's leading scorer a year ago and was named to the GTW all-conference first team. Martin, a 4-year starter, was chosen for the GTW all-conference second team in his final season and was an intimidating presence in the middle of the team's defense. Add the absence of guard Cameron Lautner, honorable mention GTW pick, and the outside shooting of Ryan Biddinger along with the inside muscle of Derek Halasz, and it is apparent the team has several big shoes to fill.

While the graduation losses are plenty, the Hawks do have a group of key returning players to build around. Topping the list is Austin Babich. The junior forward is a 2-year starter with an array of offensive tools to work with. He'll need to increase his scoring average in 2008 if the Hawks hope to be successful. Also returning is senior Shane McFarland, a solid force under the glass who got better with each game last year.

In the backcourt, Chris Childs and Chris Binder return and will be relied on to manage the Hawks' game plans.

Making their varsity debut against the Vulcans will be juniors Chris Summersett, Brett Doerr and Blake Messing. The trio all stand over 6' tall and should help returnees Chris Zawilinski and Shane Bloomfield with the rebounding chores.

In the backcourt, juniors Cole Miller and Lukas Varney showed promise on last year's junior varsity squad and are sure to see plenty of playing time in the early stages of the season.

ball handling guard and Maddie Dooley, a senior playing in the front court, will be looked to for leadership on the young team.

Monday morning coach Lloyd Schinnerer said that he was not sure just who would be the starting five, but it's highly probable that most, if not all, will see playing time.

Eight of last season's top players have been lost, 6 by graduation and 2 have not reported for the team that is playing for the first time in the winter instead of the fall.

Three all-conference players that will be missed are Courtney Rabideau, Sara Meeker and Emily Schinnerer. Rabideau was a 4-year veteran that played the point for the Hawks. Schinnerer was the top scorer on the team and Meeker led the squad in rebounding.

Three other seniors saw plenty of action and helped the squad post 2 district championships in a row. Allie Richards, Terra Czekai and Ashleigh Rabideau saw lots of action.

Two junior players that were regulars on the championship squad as sophomores have not turned out for the team. They are Amanda Langenburg and Sarah Howard.

Cass City Red Hawks 2007-08 Girls' Varsity Basketball		Cass City Red Hawks 2007-08 Boys' Varsity Basketball	
Nov. 27	Ubly	Dec. 4	Vassar
Nov. 30	Brown City	Dec. 7	Mayville
Dec. 4	Sandusky	Dec. 8	Almont
Dec. 6	Mayville	Dec. 12	Harbor Beach
Dec. 7	Yale	Dec. 14	Yale
Dec. 11	Harbor Beach	Dec. 19	John Glenn
Dec. 13	Marlette	Dec. 21	Lakers
Dec. 18	Bad Axe	Dec. 28	Deckerville
Dec. 22	Lakers	Jan. 4	USA
Jan. 3	USA	Jan. 9	Reese
Jan. 8	Reese	Jan. 11	BCAS
Jan. 10	BCAS	Jan. 16	Deckerville
Jan. 15	Deckerville	Jan. 23	Bad Axe
Jan. 22	Bad Axe	Jan. 25	Lakers
Jan. 24	Lakers	Jan. 30	Sandusky
Jan. 29	Frankenmuth	Feb. 1	USA
Jan. 31	USA	Feb. 6	Reese
Feb. 5	Reese	Feb. 8	BCAS
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11 a.m.-3 p.m. Chili Cook-off Local businesses
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1:30 p.m. Doors open, movie starts at 2 p.m.

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6:00 p.m. Lighted Christmas Parade with Santa's Grand Arrival

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Saturday, December 8th

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Obituaries

Eileen Krug

Eileen Marie Krug, 83, of Caro, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007 in Tuscola County Medical Care Facility, Caro, following a long illness.

She was born Aug. 27, 1924 in Detroit, the daughter of Fred and Martha (Zilz) Hass.

She married Edward Hoppe May 12, 1945 in Detroit. He died April 2, 1970. She later married John Krug July 21, 1972 in Cass City. He died Dec. 7, 1990.

Krug lived in the area for 67 years. She was a 4-H leader for many years. She was the janitor for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. She was a babysitter for many children in the area. She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City.

She is survived by her children: Sharon (Ronald) Rockwell of Snover, Stanley Hoppe of Caro, Drs. Susan (Charles Reed) Hoppe of Cass City, and Christopher (Ruth) Hoppe of Cass City; stepchildren: Connie (David) McNaughton of Cass City, John (Luella) Krug of Deford, and Karen (Paul) Kersh of Tawas City; a sister, Bernice (Henry) Vega of Traverse City; 18 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by 2 sisters: Loretta Bake and Mildred Witek.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 24, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City, with the Rev. Gerald Meyer officiating.

Interment was in the Evergreen Township Cemetery, Shabbona.

Memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cass City. Arrangements were made by Kranz Funeral Home, Cass City.

Edna Mitchell

Edna Mae Mitchell, 74, of Ubly, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2004 at Caro Community Hospital, Caro.

She was born April 5, 1933 in Cass City, the daughter of the late Howard and Lois (Moss) Hill.

She married Hugh Mitchell May 29, 1954 at the Mizpah Church in Evergreen Township.

Mitchell is survived by her husband, Hugh; sons: Robert Mitchell of Ubly, and William Mitchell of Stanton; a grandson; 2 great-grandsons; a brother, Howard (Bonnie) Hill Jr. of Ubly; and a sister, Veras (Vito) Cipparone of Fenton.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Eldon Hill; and 2 sisters: Marie Clara and Ella Jean Ware.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the First Baptist Church, Cass City, with Pastor David Hill and the Rev. John Wood officiating.

Burial was in the Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, Cass City. Arrangements were made by Thabet Funeral Home, Cass City.

Bobbie O'Dell

Bobbie D. O'Dell, 65, of Zebulon, died Sunday, Nov. 25, 2007 at the Upson Regional Medical Center.

She was born June 23, 1942 in Cedartown, Ga., the daughter of the late W.C. and Ruth Brown Dodd.

She married Michael O'Dell, Sr. O'Dell was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church. She worked for many years at Griffin Federal and retired from the Pike County Tax Commissioner's Office. Since retirement, she volunteered with several organizations.

She is survived by her husband, Michael O'Dell, Sr. of Zebulon; a

daughter, Tammy (Mark) Hartman of California; a son, Michael (Lorrie) O'Dell, Jr. of Zebulon; 6 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; sisters: Sarah (Denver) Castle of Griffin, and Linda (Tony) Cavender of Williamson; and nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28 at the St. John Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Katherine Pasch officiating.

Interment was in Griffin Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were made by Haisten McCullough Funeral Home, Griffin, Ga.

Dorothea Stilson

Dorothea June Stilson, 83, of Palm City, Fla., died Nov. 17, 2007.

She was born Feb. 1, 1924 in Michigan City, the daughter of William E. and Effie B. (Wright) Coulter.

She married Oliver D. Stilson Dec. 16, 1950 in the Mizpah Missionary Church.

Stilson was a member of the Calvary Missionary Church in Livonia. She was employed at the Nestle Company in Cass City, with SNS Manufacturing Company, Zink Insurance Agency and with Hygrade Foods, holding the position of secretary in each phase of her employment.

Stilson is survived by her husband, Oliver; her children: David (Dawn) Stilson of Gagetown, and Debra June (Joel) Winter of Florida; and 9 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by twin sons in infancy, Dennis and Dale Stilson.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown, with the Rev. Donald Winter officiating.

Interment was in the Novesta Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Gideon International.

Arrangements were made by Gagetown Funeral Chapel, Gagetown.

Willard Thane

Willard "Red" Thane, 79, of Tawas City, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007 at Tendercare, Tawas City, following a lingering illness.

He was born Sept. 12, 1928 in Cass City, the son of the late Charles and Anna Kathleen (Karr) Thane.

He married Margaret Furness Oct. 27, 1956.

Thane entered the U.S. Navy at the age of 18 near the end of World War II. He was employed by various road construction companies as a heavy machine operator all around the state of Michigan. Before retiring in 1992, he and his wife moved to Tawas City to live in 1981.

Thane is survived by his wife Margaret; 5 children: Willard (Marie) Thane of Cass City, Ivan (Lottie) Thane of Gladwin, Don Swallow of Commerce Township, Dan Swallow of Texas, and Gary Swallow of Cass City; 26 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; 4 siblings: Glenn (Sylvia) Guilds, Frankie Guilds, Janet Wolf and Marge Ballard; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by 3 sons: David and Bruce Thane and Ronald Swallow; and his granddaughter, Veronica (Swallow) Kish.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held Wednesday, Nov. 21, at Ransford Funeral Home, Caro, with the Rev. Tim Heaney of the Colling Nazarene Church officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Family Discretionary Fund.

Arrangements were made by Ransford Funeral Home, Caro.

Library to host pair of special events

Special events are scheduled for children and young adults this December at Rawson Memorial District Library.

On Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 to 11 a.m., Young Adults, fifth graders and older, are invited to a holiday craft program. Stop by the library to see what you can make at this fun event! Limited to 20 participants, so sign up today!

On Saturday, Dec. 15 from 10 to 11 a.m., children 3 years through fourth grade are invited to the library for holiday stories and a craft. The children will decorate Christmas cookies and a container for the cookies. An adult or older sibling must accompany children under the age of 5.

These activities are free, but pre-registration is required so that enough supplies are on hand. For more information or to register, call 872-2856 or email: librarian@rawson.lib.mi.us.

Board approves vote

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of recommended upgrades within the next month.

In a related financial matter, the board approved a revised 2007-08 budget presented by the superintendent, who noted the spending plan now reflects the state's promise to increase per-pupil funding by \$96 per student, which translates into an additional \$131,000 for Cass City Schools.

The revised budget sets total revenues at \$11,095,716, with expenditures totaling \$10,560,466. The district began the current fiscal year with a fund balance of just over \$381,000, said Wilson, who is projecting a balance of \$535,271 when the current fiscal year ends June 30.

POLICY CHANGES

In other business, the board approved a pair of policy changes previously reviewed during its October regular meeting.

The first affects student promotion at the middle school. Currently, students who pass 2 out of 3 core classes (math, social studies, science and English-language arts) with a 63 percent or better, with a cumulative semester average of 60 percent, are promoted. Students failing one or 2 core classes are promoted if they make up the class by attending summer school.

However, there are other exceptions, including promoting a student based on factors such as parental recommendation.

The new policy closes that loophole by requiring students who are failing a core class to successfully complete unfinished "Study Island" lessons, a web-based instructional and diagnostic tool that enables teachers to help students master state standards and prepare for their

state assessments the following year.

The second policy affects grading procedures for high school students. Under the new policy, semester grades will be determined via a formula of 40 percent for each marking period and 20 percent for final exams. All classes will require an examination, and teachers will be required to use a uniform grading scale.

In addition, students may no longer opt out of a final exam based on their grades on a class-by-class basis alone. To qualify for the incentive now, students will be required to have no more than 5 total absences in any class.

Both policy changes will become effective at the beginning of the second semester.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

Also Monday, the board:

• Rescheduled its December regular meeting from Dec. 24 to Dec. 17 due to the Christmas holiday.

• Approved a motion to continue accepting Schools of Choice students from neighboring districts, with unlimited openings available except in the eighth grade.

• Voted in favor of softball Coach Josh Stern's request to take his players on a 5-day trip to Orlando, Fla., during spring break. There will be several chaperones, and the student athletes are paying for their own expenses, Stern noted.

• Recognized students who have been named all-conference selections in football, boys' soccer, cross country, volleyball and tennis.

• Approved an annual resolution stating the district will comply with all Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) rules.

Rate hikes in budget

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"The theme that runs through the proposed budget is one of maximizing available resources, both physical and human, to continue an exceptional quality of life for residents of Cass City. The programs and capital improvements scheduled for 2008 are a continuation of a program of excellence that is steeped in Cass City history," Cristiano said.

In other business during the 20-minute session, the council:

• Updated the public on the possibility of a milk facility in Cass City's Industrial Park. Rick Mohr, waste

water treatment superintendent, and Cristiano visited milk facilities in Constantine and Ovid, Michigan to talk with village officials and managers about the facilities. Cass City is among the finalists for the plant that could invest upwards of \$50 million into the area.

• Reviewed and accepted the financial statement ending October 31, 2007 that reported a cash on hand balance of \$1,551,699.

• Accepted the October minutes from the Downtown Development Authority and Economic Development Corporation as presented.



OLD MAN WINTER couldn't put a damper on Cass City's annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday at the Cass City United Methodist Church. The meal featured plenty of food, volunteers and residents who shared the holiday together.



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in the Village 2007
December 1st**

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Sign your ballot and turn it in to any participating business by 3 p.m.
One ballot will be drawn out to win the \$100 in Cass City Cash.

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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 Bellamy and Rene Bellamy, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 15, 2002 and recorded on March 18, 2002 in Liber 870 on Page 323 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificate holders CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2002-BC2 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Three Hundred Forty-One And 53/100 Dollars (\$52,341.53), including interest at 10.7% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 13, 2007.

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

Lot 7, Block 10 of the North's Addition to the City of Vassar, According to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 20, now being page 21A.

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: November 14, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

FC L (248) 593-1312
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #171441F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gordon K. Bender and Sharon J. Bender, Husband and Wife, to Ameriquist Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated December 5, 2005 and recorded December 20, 2005 in Liber 1065, Page 892, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquist Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Quest Trust Series 2006-X1 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of March 1, 2006, Without Recourse, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents (\$61,844.48), including interest 9.99% 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, Circuit Court of Tuscola County at 10:00AM on Thursday, December 6, 2007

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

A part of that part of the Southwest fractional one-quarter of Section 31 lying West of Tuscola Road, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Center line of Tuscola Road 605 feet Southwesterly from its intersection with North and South one-quarter line of said Section 31; thence Southwesterly along said centerline of Tuscola Road 375 feet; thence Northwesterly at right angles with said road centerline 348.5 feet; thence Northeasterly parallel to said road centerline 375 feet; thence Southeasterly at right angles with said road centerline 348.5 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 9886 Tuscola Rd, Clio MI 48420.

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: NOVEMBER 2, 2007

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee of Ameriquist Mortgage Securities Inc., Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Quest Trust Series 2006-X1 under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of March 1, 2006, Without Recourse Assignee of Mortgage

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.,
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Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 07-81566

11-7-4

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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 Sandra A. Henning, th/k/a Sandra Neighbors, and William Henning, her husband, original mortgagors, to MidFirst Bank, Mortgagee, dated December 6, 2003 and recorded on December 23, 2003 in Liber 970 on Page 232 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Four and 15/100 Dollars (\$56,304.15), 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 13, 2007.

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

Parcel 1: Lot 8, Block 38 and the North 18 feet of Lot, Block 38 of the plat of the Village of Fostoria, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 44-45, now being Pages 45A-46A.

Parcel 2: Lot 9, Block 38 of the plat of the Village of Fostoria, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Pages 44-45, now being Pages 45A-46A.

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: November 14, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

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File #171464F01

11-14-4

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MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel T. Burnham, Jr., an unmarried individual, Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 25, 2006 and recorded on June 19, 2006, in Liber 1085, Page 361, Tuscola County Records, and assigned to Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., by assignment recorded in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Five Hundred Forty-One and 35/100 (\$72,541.35), Dollars, including interest at 8.999% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan on Thursday, December 13, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

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

The East half of Lot 13, Block 2 of the Plat of Village of Mayville, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 15 of Deeds, Page 564, now being Liber 3 of Plats, Pages 35-36. C/K/A 125 Turner Rd., Mayville, MI 48744.

Parcel ID: 040-500-102-1350-00

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

Dated: November 9, 2007

Accredited Home Lenders, Inc.
Assignee of Mortgage
Keith A. Sotiroff, Esq.
SOTIROFF & ABRAMCZYK, P.C.
30400 Telegraph Road, Ste. 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4541
(248) 642-6000

11-14-4

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Default having been made in the conditions of certain Mortgages made by Michael A. Jackson and Casey J. Jackson, husband and wife, of 2350 Kirk Road, Vassar, MI 48768, as Mortgagors, to Northstar Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, whose principal office is in Bad Axe, Michigan, as Mortgagee, dated March 20, 2006 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on March 21, 2006 in Liber 1074, pages 1116, et seq, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One Hundred Ninety One Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Nine and 32/100 (\$191,269.32) Dollars and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the main entrance of the Tuscola County Building in the Village of Caro, and County of Tuscola, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 10:00 o'clock a.m., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and the premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage, together with interest, legal costs, attorney's fees and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Part of the Southeast quarter of Section 18, Township 12 North, Range 8 East, Juniata Township, Tuscola County, Michigan: commencing 938.62 feet South of the East quarter corner of said Section 18; thence South 279.12 feet; thence North 59°0'44" West 216.71 feet; thence West 105.78 feet; thence North 144.26 feet; thence East 283.62 feet to the point of beginning, except easements and rights of way of record. Commonly known as: 2350 South Kirk Road.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the period of redemption shall be six (6) months from the date of sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240.

Dated: November 12, 2007

NORTHSTAR BANK, Mortgagee

RICHARD L. TROWHILL
Attorney at Law
175 Thompson Rd.
Bad Axe, MI 48413
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11-14-5

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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 Joan M. O'Rourke an unmarried woman, original mortgagor, to First Chicago NBD Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated July 30, 1997 and recorded on July 31, 1997 in Liber 716 on Page 1188 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-One and 02/100 Dollars (\$56,581.02), including interest at 7.9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 27, 2007.

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

Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 9, Town 12 North, Range 9 East, described as: beginning at a point on the East line of said Section 9, which is South 00 degrees 45 minutes 15 seconds West, 1101.86 feet from the Northeast corner of said Section 9; thence continuing along the East line of said Section 9, South 00 degrees 45 minutes 15 seconds West, 126.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 23 minutes 45 seconds West, 198.00 feet; thence North 00 degrees 45 minutes 15 seconds East, 126.00 feet; thence South 88 degrees 23 minutes 45 seconds East, 198.00 feet to the East line of said Section 9 and 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: November 28, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

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Attorneys for Servicer
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File #173321F01

11-28-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harold J. Wescoat Jr. and Kelli S. Wescoat, husband and wife, as joint tenants, to Option One Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 2004 and recorded May 7, 2004 in Liber 991, Page 1005, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2004-OPT2 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Hundred Fifteen and 08/100 Dollars (\$82,915.08), 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 20, 2007.

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

Commencing at the South quarter corner of Section 17, Town 14 North, Range 8 East; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes West 1083.25 feet along the South line of said Section 17 to the Point of Beginning; running thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes West 233.0 feet along the South line of said Section 17; thence North 00 degrees 09 minutes 17 seconds West 763.0 feet along the West one-eighth line of said Section 17; thence North 90 degrees 09 minutes East 233.0 feet; thence South 0 degrees 09 minutes 17 seconds East 763.0 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Town 14 North, Range 8 East.

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: November 21, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 221.3443

11-21-4

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 Andre Prieur and Karla M. Knapp, husband and wife of Tuscola County, Michigan, Mortgagor to Fifth Third Bank dated the 22nd day of February, A.D. 2002, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan, on the 3rd day of April, A.D. 2002, Liber 872, Page 830-836 of Tuscola Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$136,068.95 (one hundred thirty-six thousand sixty-eight and 95/100) plus accrued interest at 15.74% (fifteen point seven four) 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 20th day of December, A.D., 2007, at 10:00:00 AM o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI, 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 Arbel, in the County of Tuscola and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Township of Arbel, County of Tuscola, Michigan:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 12, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as beginning at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 12; thence along the South line of said Section 12, East 324.95 feet; thence North 03 degrees 59 minutes 14 seconds West 1,290.86 feet; thence along the North line of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 12, South 89 degrees 25 minutes 28 seconds West 525.18 feet; thence along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 12, South 04 degrees 00 minutes 25 seconds East 1,287.61 feet to the South 1/4 corner of said Section 12 and the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 6240 W. Millington Road.

PPN 003-012-400-1100-00

The redemption period shall be one 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: November 21, 2007

WELTMAN, WEINBERG & REIS CO., L.P.A.
By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)
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Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
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WW# 10007701

11-21-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KENNETH H. RANDT, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 28, 2006 and recorded on August 30, 2006 in Liber 1093, on Page 624, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Six Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$106,555.70), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on December 20, 2007.

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

LOTS 49 AND 50, ENO SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 2, PAGE 39, OF PLATS, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS.

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

Dated: November 16, 2007

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

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

11-21-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Harry L. Schaub, a single man, to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor by merger with Bank One, N.A., Mortgagee, dated May 10, 2003 and recorded June 25, 2003 in Liber 938, Page 1073, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty and 53/100 Dollars (\$101,350.53), including interest at 8.26% 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 DECEMBER 20, 2007.

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

Lots 1 and 2, Block 3, of Cook's Addition to the Village of Akron, according to the Plat recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 67, now being Page 178.

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

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

Dated: November 21, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 224.2891

11-21-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Philip Keskes, a married man, and Jennifer Keskes, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated January 14, 2005 and recorded February 9, 2005 in Liber 1027, Page 179, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Aurora Loan Servicing by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred-Twenty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Five and 30/100 Dollars (\$127,795.30), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 20, 2007.

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

A parcel of land in the Northeast one-quarter of Section 21, Town 10 North, Range 8 East, described as follows to fix the point of beginning, commence at the Northeast corner of Section 21; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, on the North line of said Section, 456.00 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence South 00 degrees 09 minutes 22 seconds West, parallel with the North and South one-quarter line of said Section, 250.00 feet; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, parallel with said North Section line, 221.93 feet; thence North 00 degrees 34 minutes 06 seconds West, 250.01 feet to a point on said North Section line; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, on said North Section line, 225.09 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

Dated: November 21, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
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File No. 191.3397

11-21-4

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by LORI A. SAGE, SINGLE WOMAN, and ROBERT H. SAGE AND EILEEN M. SAGE, HUSBAND AND WIFE, WHO ARE EXECUTING THIS MORTGAGE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF MORTGAGING ANY HOMESTEAD/DOWER RIGHTS IN THIS PROPERTY COVERED BY THIS MORTGAGE, to FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, Mortgagee, dated March 9, 2001 and recorded on May 8, 2001 in Liber 830, on Page 1336, Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Sixty-Nine Cents (\$79,946.69), including interest at 9.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, front entrance of the Courthouse Building in the Village of Caro, Michigan, Tuscola County at 10:00 AM o'clock, on December 20, 2007.

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

LAND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERTOWN, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA, STATE OF MICHIGAN COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 10 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST; THENCE NORTH 153 FEET, THENCE WEST 133 FEET; THENCE NORTH 40 FEET; THENCE EAST 133 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 40 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING

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

Dated: November 16, 2007

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB
Mortgagee/Assignee

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

11-21-4

Legal Notices

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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 Clarence James and Jolie James, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 13, 2004 and recorded on June 4, 2004 in Liber 995 on Page 191 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Two and 10/100 Dollars (\$102,982.10), 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 6, 2007.

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

The East 33.00 feet of Lots 6 and 7, also all of Lot 14, also Lot 15 except the South 31.32 feet thereof, all in block 5 of Johnson's Addition to the City of Vassar, according to the plat recorded in Liber 29 of deeds, Page 88, 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: November 7, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
FC C (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #170840F01

11-7-4

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David J. Edler, a married man, and Wendy J. Edler, A/K/A Wendy Edler, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successor's and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 10, 2004 and recorded October 25, 2004 in Liber 1013, Page 664, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight and 86/100 Dollars (\$93,888.86), including interest at 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 6, 2007.

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

Commencing at a point on the Easterly Right-of-Way line of State Highway M-15 that is 816.40 feet North 88 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds West, 1397.10 feet, South 29 degrees 44 minutes 30 seconds East, and 1351.80 feet, South 35 degrees 05 minutes East of the North quarter of Section 32, Town 11 North, Range 8 East; thence North 58 degrees 36 minutes 30 seconds East, 165.00 feet at right angles to the centerline of said M-15, South 31 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds East 264.00 feet, South 58 degrees 36 minutes 30 seconds West 165.00 feet to the Easterly Right-of-Way line of said M-15, North 31 degrees 23 minutes 30 seconds, West 264.00 feet to beginning.

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

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: November 7, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
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File No. 285.2578

11-7-4

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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 Michael L. Cryderman, a single person, original mortgagor, to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated April 11, 2001 and recorded on April 27, 2001 in Liber 829 on Page 1322 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Three and 04/100 Dollars (\$76,273.04), including interest at 6.875% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 27, 2007.

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

Parcel G: Part of the South 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 18, Township 11 North, Range 9 East, described as: beginning at a point on the East-West 1/4 of said Section 18, North 89 degrees 50 minutes 23 seconds East, 331.09 feet from the center corner of said Section 18; thence continuing along said East-West 1/4 line, North 89 degrees 50 minutes 23 seconds East, 331.09 feet; thence North 00 degrees 06 minutes 05 seconds West 1321.62 feet to the North

line of said South 1/2; thence along said North line, South 89 degrees 49 minutes 37 seconds West, 330.76 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 13 seconds East, 1321.54 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.

Dated: November 28, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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File #173592F01

11-28-4

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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 Kimberly Sue Fister, a married woman, Daniel Fister, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to PHH Mortgage Services, Mortgagee, dated October 9, 2006 and recorded on October 13, 2006 in Liber 1099 on Page 137 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Fourteen and 97/100 Dollars (\$97,514.97), including interest at 7.125% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 27, 2007.

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

Part of the Northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 13 North, Range 8 East, described as: commencing at the East quarter corner of said Section 36; thence along the East line of said Section 36, North 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West, 315.0 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds West, 375.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West 133.78 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds West, 625.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds West, 200.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West, 563.50 feet; thence North 88 degrees 32 minutes 33 seconds East 200.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds East 563.91 feet to the point of beginning. Together with an easement for ingress and egress described as: Commencing at the East quarter corner of said Section 36; thence along the East line of said Section 36, North 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West 200.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds West 375.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West, 48.22 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds West, 66.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West, 133.78 feet; thence South 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds West, 1559.00 feet; thence North 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds West, 66.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds East, 1625.00 feet; thence South 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds East 133.78 feet; thence North 88 degrees 39 minutes 43 seconds East 375.00 feet to said East line of Section 36; thence along said East line of Section 36, South 01 degrees 27 minutes 27 seconds East 115.00 feet to the point of beginning.

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

Dated: November 28, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #173358F01

11-28-4

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by ALDO MARTINEZ, a single man of 372 WELLS STREET, CARO, MI 48723, Mortgagor to MACOMB SCHOOLS & GOVERNMENT CREDIT UNION OF 4555 INVESTMENT DRIVE, TROY, MI 48007, Mortgagee, dated DECEMBER 5, 2003, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Tuscola County, and State of Michigan on April 6, 2004, in LIBER 986 on Page 1442 of Tuscola County Records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of TWENTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETEEN AND 63/100THS (\$21,619.63) DOLLARS including interest calculated at the rate of (11.75%) percent per annum and attorney fees as provided for in said Mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN 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 JANUARY 10, 2008, AT 10:00 A.M. local time, said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Tuscola is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, aforesaid, on said mortgage with interest thereon and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: VILLAGE OF CARO, COUNTY OF TUSCOLA AND STATE OF MICHIGAN.

LOT 15, BLOCK 9, MONTAGUE SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 1, PAGE 11A OF PLATS, TUSCOLA COUNTY RECORDS. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 372 WELLS STREET, CARO, MI 48723.

During the Six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the thirty (30) days immediately following the sale.

Dated: November 19, 2007

KENNETH C. BUTLER II (P 28477)
ATTORNEY FOR MORTGAGEE
24525 Harper Avenue, Ste. 2
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080
(586) 777-0770

11-28-5

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

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael A. Pletcher and Bobbie M. Pletcher, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated February 25, 2005 and recorded on March 10, 2005 in Liber 1030 on Page 626 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Five and 97/100 Dollars (\$209,645.97), including interest at 0.95% 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 place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 6, 2007.

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

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, described as: beginning at the North 1/4 corner; thence West 661.17 feet; thence South 0 degrees 53 minutes 25 seconds East 1022.27 feet; thence East 664.20 feet; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 36 seconds West, 1022.12 feet to the point of beginning. Except beginning 398.07 feet West of the North 1/4 corner of said point being centerline of Perry Creek; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds West, 263.09 feet; thence South 0 degrees 53 minutes 25 seconds East, 366.65 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds East 54.8 feet to the Southerly end of said traverse line; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds East, 16.6 feet to the Centerline of Perry Creek; thence Northerly along centerline of said Creek, North 26 degrees 53 minutes East 411 feet to the point of beginning.

Less and except the following described property: Parcel A: A parcel of land in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbelia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North line of said Section 26 which is 195.03 feet South 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds West from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 26; thence South 01 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds West from the North 1/4 corner of said Section 26; thence South 01 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds East parallel with the North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 175.01 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds West parallel with said North Section line 294.83 feet to the centerline of Perry Creek (so-called); thence North 26 degrees 19 minutes 57 seconds East along the centerline of Perry Creek, 196.19 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds East on the said North Section line 203.04 feet to the Point of beginning.

Parcel B: A parcel of land in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbelia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 26; thence South 01 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds East on the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 224.04 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds West parallel with and 224.00 feet, measured at right angles, South of North line of said Section 195.03 feet; thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds West, parallel with and 195.00 feet, measured at right angles, West of said North and South 1/4 line, 224.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds East on said North Section line 195.03 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel C: A parcel of land in the Northwest 1/4 of Section 26, Town 10 North, Range 7 East, Arbelia Township, Tuscola County, Michigan, described as follows: Beginning a point on the East line of said Section 26 which is 224.04 feet South 01 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds East from the North quarter corner of said Section 26; thence continuing South 01 degrees 03 minutes 35 seconds East on said North and South 1/4 line of said Section, 124.04 feet; thence South 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds West parallel with and 448.00 feet, measured at right angles, West of said North and South 1/4 line, 224.04 feet; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 57 seconds East parallel with and 224.00 feet, measured at right angles South of said North section line, 195.03 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.

Dated: November 7, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #170757F01

11-7-4

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE - The Estate of James C. Turner, deceased, is now accepting offers to purchase the following described property. The Personal Representative of the Estate reserves the right to refuse to accept all offers.

Parcel #1: 19.78 acres in Section 2, T13N-R10E, Township of Ellington, Tuscola County, Michigan. (Enrolled in CREP Program). TAX ID# 008-002-000-1100-01

Parcel #2: 40 acres in Section 2, T13N-R10E, Township of Ellington, Tuscola County, Michigan. (Enrolled in CREP Program and PA 116). TAX ID# 008-002-000-1000-00

Parcel #3: (House and out buildings - 3681 Elmwood Road, Cass City, Michigan), 3.00 acres in Section 34, T14N-R10E, Elmwood Township, Tuscola County, Michigan.

Parcel #4: 102.53 acres in Section 34, T14N-R10E, Elmwood Township, Tuscola County, Michigan. (Part of this parcel enrolled in CREP Program and part in PA 116)

(For a full legal description of any of the above parcels, contact the Law Office of Michelle P. Biddinger)

If you wish to make an offer on any of the above parcel(s), your offer should be submitted to the Law Offices of Michelle P. Biddinger, 4431 S. Seeger Street, P.O. Box 122, Cass City, Michigan 48726. The offer must be in writing, subject to the following:

A. Bids shall be submitted to Michelle P. Biddinger as outlined above and postmarked no later than December 21, 2007.

B. The successful bidder will be required to tender a non-refundable good faith deposit equal to 5% of the purchase price within two business days after receiving notice of Seller's intent to accept the bid submitted by the successful bidder.

C. The successful bidder will accept the premises in their present condition, "AS IS" and with all faults, without warranties or representations as to condition

or state of repair. Parcels enrolled in the CREP Program and/or PA 116 are sold in the program(s) and responsibility for continuing or penalties for discontinuing the program(s) are the Purchaser's.

D. Seller reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and/or the right to accept less than the highest bid submitted.

E. Seller will deliver at closing a title insurance policy in the amount of the purchase price and subject to the conditions and limitations described above.

F. Purchaser will assume obligations for all property taxes due at the time of closing, as Township taxes will be prorated as if paid in arrears from January 1st through December 31st, and State Education taxes will be prorated as if paid in advance from July 1st through June 30th.

G. The successful purchaser will be required to tender payment in full by certified check or bank money order at the time of closing.

H. Closing shall be accomplished on or before January 21, 2008, at a location to be designated by Seller.

I. The successful purchaser will be entitled to take possession of the property at closing.

If you have any questions or would like to view the premises, arrangements can be made through the Law Office of Michelle P. Biddinger, (989) 872-5601, Ext. 3.

11-28-2

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Max Phelps, a single man, and Stacy Goodman, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 8, 2004 and recorded November 12, 2004 in Liber 1017, Page 334, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage Inc. successor by merger with CitiFinancial Mortgage Company Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand One Hundred Seventeen and 10/100 Dollars (\$60,117.10), including interest at 13.57% 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 DECEMBER 6, 2007.

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

Lot 3, Block 1, Leonard Fox's Seconds Addition to the Village of Mayville, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 59, now being 36A.

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

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

Dated: November 7, 2007

Orlans Associates, P.C.
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11-7-4

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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 David K. Wice and Kathryn L. Wice, Husband and Wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated December 19, 2005 and recorded on January 27, 2006 in Liber 1070 on Page 152 in Tuscola County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to HSBC Mortgage Services Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Five and 72/100 Dollars (\$154,235.72), including interest at 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, at the place of holding the circuit court within Tuscola County, at 10:00 AM, on December 20, 2007.

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

Part of the Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of section 30, Town 13 North, Range 10 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the North section line that is South 89 degrees 53 Minutes 35 Seconds East, 250.00 feet from the North quarter corner of said section 30; thence continuing South 89 degrees 53 minutes 35 seconds East, 538.34 feet; thence parallel to and 25 feet Westerly of the centerline of Latelle Drain, South 43 degrees 7 minutes 14 seconds West, 601.74 feet; thence North 89 degrees 53 minutes 35 seconds West, 124.65 feet; thence North 0 degrees 18 minutes 35 seconds West, 440.00 feet to the point or beginning. Right of way for Tomlinson road over the Northerly side thereof.

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

Dated: November 21, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Charlotte Cooper, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 29, 2004 and recorded November 12, 2004 in Liber 1017, Page 270, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the MLMI Trust Series 2005-SD1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine and 67/100 Dollars (\$56,999.67), including interest at 11.875% 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 of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JANUARY 3, 2008.

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

Lot 16, Block 21, of North's Addition to the City of Vassar, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 1, Pages 21A, Tuscola County Records.

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

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

Dated: November 28, 2007

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Roy Alan Baker, Jr., single, to Advanta National Bank, Mortgagee, dated January 4, 1999 and recorded January 7, 1999 in Liber 759, Page 1370, and An Affidavit of Scrivener's Error to correct legal was recorded on 10/30/2007 in Liber 1133, Page 1065, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation by assignment. An Affidavit of Scrivener's Error to correct the legal description was recorded on 10/30/2007 in Liber 1133, Page 1063, Tuscola County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty and 23/100 Dollars (\$25,540.23), including interest at 11.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front entrance of the Courthouse in the Village of Caro, Tuscola County, MI in Tuscola County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 20, 2007.

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

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

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Dated: November 21, 2007

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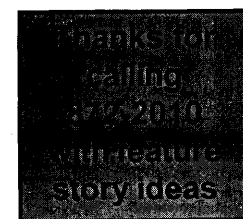
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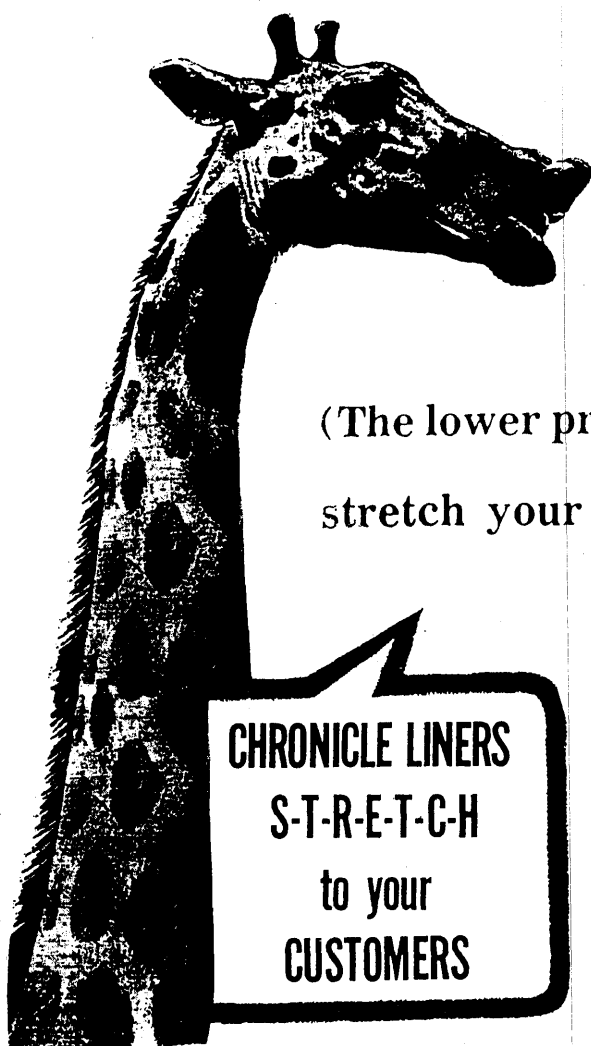
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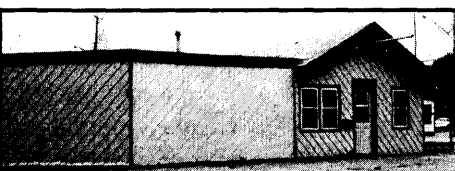
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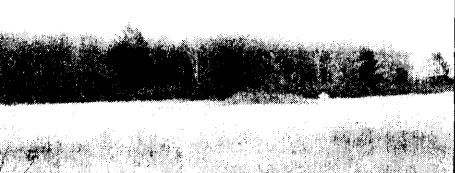
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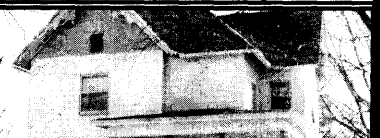
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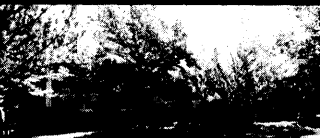
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Bay muck sample results announced

Samples collected along Saginaw Bay by the Huron County Health Department last August show high levels of fecal contamination in waters containing muck and in the solid materials on shore.

That's the conclusion of Dr. Joan Rose, PhD, Homer Nowlin Chair in Water Research, who along with Shikha Singh recently published their report, "Further Investigation of Water Quality and Muck (cladophora) at Saginaw Bay Parks and Beaches."

The report was recently sent to the Bay, Huron and Tuscola county health departments by the Michigan State University Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

The newly-released report outlines the types of testing that were conducted on the samples of water and muck collected along the shoreline of 6 beaches in Huron County, including Bird Creek County Park, Caseville County Park, Oak Beach County Park, Port Crescent State Park Campground, Port Crescent State Park Day Use Area, and Sleeper State Park.

Sample results of both water and muck were tested for indicators that were specific to humans or cattle.

Four out of the 6 water samples and 4 out of the 6 muck samples were positive for enterococcal surface protein (ESP). The ESP indicator is a protein found in enterococci bacteria and is specific to humans. The indicator is found in untreated sewage, septic tank effluent and combined sewage overflow effluent. Dr. Rose said that ESP has never been detected in non-human wastes such as cattle, sheep, pigs and birds.

The samples collected in Huron County were also tested for the bacteroides human and cattle indicators. Bacteroides is an anaerobic bacteria present in the gastrointestinal tract of humans and animals.

Two of the 6 samples of water and one of the 6 samples of muck tested positive for the human bacteroides indicator. One out of the 6 water samples and one out of the 6 muck samples tested positive for bacteroides found in cattle.

The third test conducted, on the water samples only, was for adenovirus. Adenoviruses are human pathogens that are responsible for enteric illnesses, and respiratory and eye infections. This test revealed elevated levels in one water sample.

In her report, Dr. Rose concluded the samples show high levels of fecal contamination in waters containing muck and in the solid materials on shore. She also concluded that there is strong evidence that at least one source of the fecal contamination is human and another is cattle.

While these results warrant further investigation, she said, human sources of fecal contamination may come from a variety of sources such as septic tanks, combined sewage overflows or poorly treated sewage. Dr. Rose cautioned in her report that attention to public health messages and good hygiene practices are important while recreating in the test areas.

Health officials in the Bay, Huron

and Tuscola counties along with representatives of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and MSU will be meeting in early December to discuss further steps to take, and to design a study for the 2008 summer season. The study will address questions such as what are the sources of contamination, and what are the contributing factors to the contamination.

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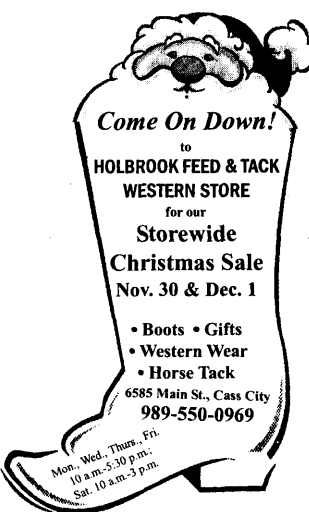
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Families can enjoy all of the activities without having to worry about spending a fortune. "It's all free, and I don't know if that's something people think about," Mulligan said. She added, however, that the costs do add up. In fact, chamber officials estimate they will spend roughly \$6,000 this year.

Area businesses deserve the credit for that, Mulligan emphasized. The chamber this year instituted a layered donation system in which businesses were asked to donate at one of 3 levels - silver (\$101 to \$249), gold (\$250 to \$499) and platinum (\$500 or more). Eight businesses have already given at the platinum level.

Mulligan figures it's money well spent. "If you can get the whole town out and get the children excited about it, it's worth it," she said.





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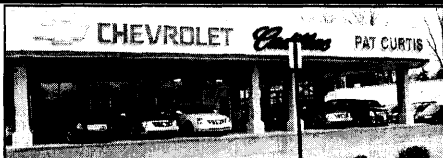
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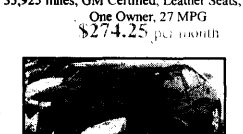
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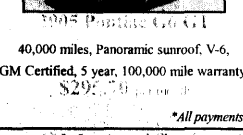
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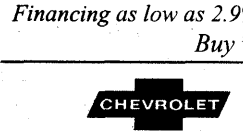
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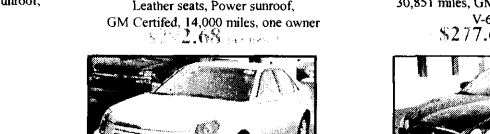
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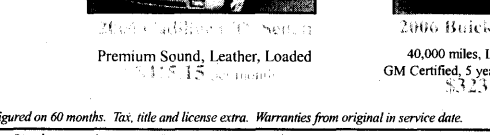
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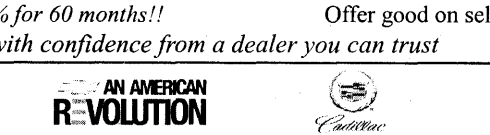
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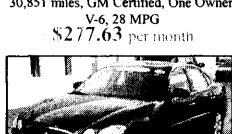


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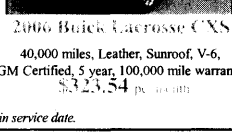
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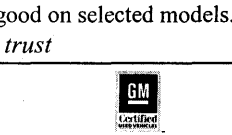
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